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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

“The urgency to our work is, in many ways, an urgency of opportunity.”

In these pages, you will see once again evidence of the University's remarkable momentum—from the creation of innovative first-year seminars, to the opening of E. Claiborne Robins Stadium, to the convening of a Volunteer Summit. We are perpetuating this momentum with two crucial new initiatives.

First, we are creating a new campus master plan to guide the development of the campus for the next 10 years. This new plan will build on the achievements of the 2000 master plan and the aspirations of *The Richmond Promise*. The plan will ensure continued careful stewardship of the land we first occupied in 1914. It also will challenge us to imagine how we can become better connected, how our efforts can become more integrated, how we can become more environmentally responsible, and how our physical environment can better support the academic enterprise.

Our goal is to develop the plan by spring 2011 and present it to the Board of Trustees in fall 2011. A master plan website—**masterplan.richmond.edu**—will keep you informed and give you opportunities to contribute your ideas for creating a plan that reflects a thorough understanding of our shared needs and goals.

This fall we also launched a strategic planning process for athletics. Since athletics' last plan was developed a decade ago, we have achieved a great deal. The football team won a national championship. Our men's and women's basketball teams competed in NCAA tournaments, and we won multiple conference titles in women's swimming and diving, tennis, field hockey, cross country, lacrosse, men's tennis, and football. Most recently the men's cross country team earned its first at-large bid to the NCAA championships. We have maintained one of the nation's best graduation rates for student-athletes, and we have brought football home.

We expect to finish the new plan by the end of the academic year. It will further strengthen competitive and academic excellence and ensure that our remarkable student-athletes can take advantage of the full range of the Richmond experience.

We are fortunate in many ways. We undertake these exercises, not to rectify shortcomings, but to seize opportunities at a time when many institutions are losing ground amid economic challenges. The urgency to our work is, in many ways, an urgency of opportunity. I am grateful to all who are giving their time and wisdom to these and so many other endeavors as we move swiftly and decisively to make the most of this moment.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Ayers

Points of Pride

- Five excellent schools working together in unique collaborations
- Eight-to-one student-faculty ratio
- Students involved in cutting-edge research and engaged in the Richmond community
- Perennially ranked among the best values in American higher education
- Ranked 32nd among best national liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Record-breaking number of applications (8,661) for the Class of 2014
- Fifteen percent of our first-year students are the first in their families to attend college
- 58 percent of the Class of 2009 studied abroad
- Combined grade point average of 3.0 for all Richmond student-athletes

Spider Quiz

How many applications did Richmond receive for the Class of 2014?

The first 50 alumni to email the correct answer and their postal address to alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu will win a Spider prize.



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CAMPUS

Father and daughter become classmates

Daniel Lette and his daughter, Kristyn Lette, '12, sat side by side in Porcher Taylor's "Constitutional Law" class this fall in the School of Continuing Studies.

Daniel flies jets for United Airlines. He has no immediate plans to retire, but is considering a second career or an overlapping career in aviation law. Kristyn works as a clerk for Henrico County Courts and aspires to become an attorney.

"It was quite a poignant moment when they introduced themselves to the class as father and daughter," Taylor recalls. "It was cool to see them sitting together and debating how they would divvy up note-taking

Daniel Lette and daughter Kristyn Lette, '12, briefly shared a textbook in Porcher Taylor's constitutional law class this fall.



Swim team member Nicole LePere, '11, helps 9-year-old Jervon Fisher and 5-year-old Syah Bailey get acclimated to the water, the first step toward learning how to swim.

and whether they should share a textbook."

"She finally got her own textbook, and we take our own notes," Daniel says with a laugh. "She takes a lot more notes than I do. It looks like she's writing a novel over there."

Initially, father and daughter tried to avoid taking the same class. But Kristyn needed one more course in the fall semester, and the only class available on Tuesday nights was constitutional law, which her father had scheduled already.

"We talked about it," Daniel says. "We said, 'Are we going to be OK with this?' We decided that it would be fine, and it has turned out to be a lot of fun."

COMMUNITY

The buddy system

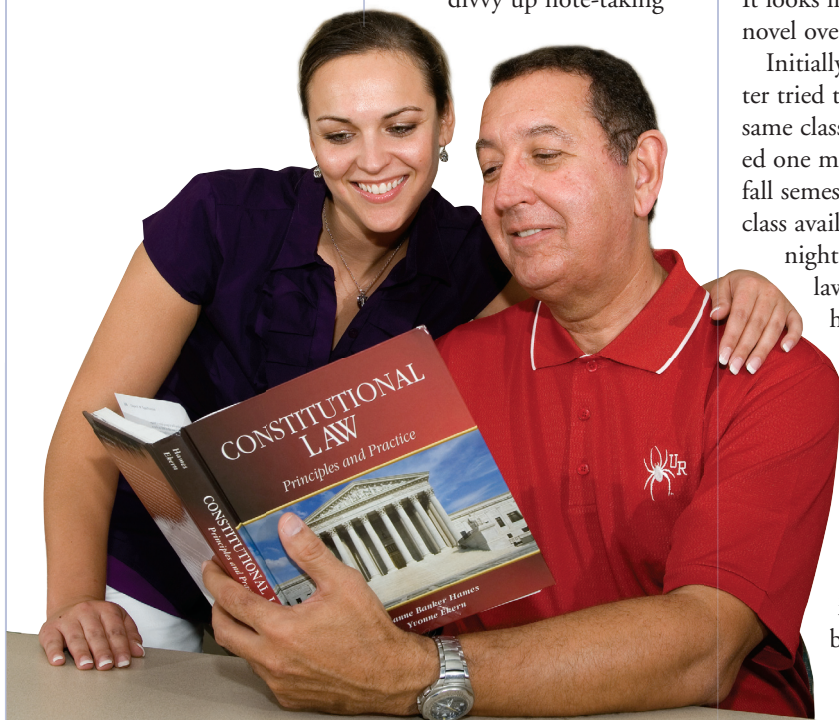
Assistant swimming coach Danielle Tansel posed the key question to a group of excited young children waiting to enter the pool at the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.

"Can anyone tell me what the buddy system is?"

"You should always have a buddy when you go swimming," one child volunteered.

"That's exactly right!"

This fall the women's swimming and diving team buddied up with about 30 children from a tutoring and mentoring program run by the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond. Many UR students volunteer at the foundation each week through Build It, a civic-engagement program coordinated by the Bonner Center for Civic



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Engagement (CCE). Last spring, the CCE collaborated with the swimming and diving team to hold a swim clinic on campus. Based on the success of that first clinic, the team has continued its partnership with the foundation.

During their second clinic, some children still clung to their Spider buddies, while others blew bubbles, floated on noodles, or rocketed off the diving board with encouragement from diving coach Erika Matheis.

“Our women can apply their leadership skills to serve as positive role models for these children,” says swimming coach Matt Barany. “Ultimately they gain as much as they give through this kind of outreach.”

Clearly the buddy system works.

RANKINGS

UR earns high marks in college guide books

U.S. News & World Report has named Richmond one of the “11 Best Values Among National Liberal Arts Colleges.”

Other schools on the alphabetical, unranked list are Amherst, Bowdoin, Claremont McKenna, Grinnell, Hamilton, Pomona, Swarthmore, Vassar, Wellesley, and Williams. Richmond is the only institution in the South to make the list,

which appeared in the magazine’s annual rankings of “America’s Best Colleges.”

U.S. News also ranked the University among the best national liberal arts colleges for the sixth year in a row. Richmond placed No. 32 in that category—tied with Holy Cross, Kenyon, and Sewanee. The magazine also named Richmond to three special lists of national liberal arts colleges: “Great Schools, Great Prices,” “2011 Up-and-Comers,” and “High School Counselors’ Picks.”

“Richmond is garnering the recognition that it deserves,” says President Edward Ayers. “Everyone here is particularly pleased that guidance counselors—who play a pivotal role in helping students find the right fit—see Richmond as a premier liberal arts college.”

“Still, one college guide book’s rankings are not sufficient for making a college choice,” Ayers notes. “Students and their parents need to consider the information presented by all the various college guides and, above all, visit every campus in which they have a serious interest.”

Other recently released college guides that have selected or ranked Richmond include *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* (2011 edition), Princeton Review’s *The Best 373 Colleges* (2011 edition), and *Forbes.com*’s “America’s Best Colleges.”



International Center opens

The dedication of the Carole Weinstein International Center on Oct. 14 marked the culmination of more than 20 years of hard work to make Richmond a hotspot for international education.

An overflow crowd attended the celebration, which featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony and guided tours. Later in the day, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas Friedman presented a keynote address titled “Advice for a Flat World.”

The new International Center is named in honor of former Trustee Carole Weinstein, W’75, G’77, and H’04, who committed \$10.5 million to help build the 57,000-square-foot, \$20.45 million facility. The building is home to the Office of International Education and several academic departments and programs that focus on global issues.

President Edward Ayers recalled meeting with Weinstein three years ago to discuss her interest in creating a permanent home for the Office of International Education. Those plans grew “far beyond what we could have imagined,” he said. “On a campus that prides itself on having lots of beautiful buildings, this one sets a new standard both in beauty and environmental stewardship.”

The International Center’s courtyard has been named in honor of Dr. Uliana Gabara, who has been the driving force behind the internationalization of the University. She said the center, “embodies and symbolizes a process of more than 20 years duration.” She praised Weinstein’s “unwavering support” of international education at Richmond, both conceptually and financially.

Weinstein shared her hope that the center “will be a home on this campus where we will come to study other languages and cultures, other legal systems, and other political and leadership models. ... It will be a place to relax and refresh and talk about what we are learning and what we hope to accomplish—an ongoing circle of scholarship, conversation, and connection.”

—Jessica Ronky Haddad, ’93



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The Fiske Guide said that the Robins School of Business is one of the “Ten Business Schools that Should Be on Your Radar.” On a scale of one to 100, Princeton Review gave Richmond high marks for academics (94), selectivity (94), financial aid (94), and quality of life (87). Princeton Review also placed Richmond on special lists for “Best Classroom Experience,” “Best Athletic Facilities,” and “Best Campus Food.”

HISTORY

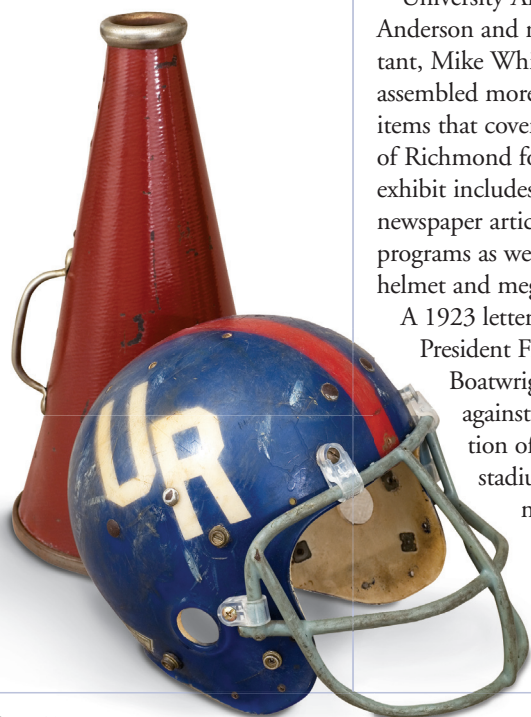
Exhibit highlights Richmond football

An exhibit tracing the history of football at the University is on display in Boatwright Memorial Library until Jan. 29.

University Archivist Fred Anderson and research assistant, Mike Whitt, R’78, have assembled more than 100 items that cover 132 years of Richmond football. The exhibit includes photographs, newspaper articles, and game programs as well as an old helmet and megaphone.

A 1923 letter from President Frederic Boatwright cautions against the construction of off-campus stadiums. “The movement now becoming so general to build city

“UR Football Comes Home” features artifacts and documents from 132 years of Richmond football.



F.W. de Klerk (left) shakes hands with Nelson Mandela in this historic photo from 1992. de Klerk will speak on Feb. 22 in the Jepson Alumni Center.

stadiums is all right for local sports organizations and for professional games,” he wrote, “but it is wholly bad for the colleges.”

A digital version of the exhibit is available at football.urlibraries.org. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

EVENTS

de Klerk to lecture at Jepson forum

Nobel laureate F.W. de Klerk, the former president of South Africa who freed political prisoner Nelson Mandela and ended apartheid, will speak on Feb. 22 in the Jepson Alumni Center.

de Klerk, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela, will discuss how negotiation, management of change, and leadership contributed to the peaceful end

of apartheid.

His speech is part of the Jepson Leadership Forum, which will feature Ali Velshi on March 30 and Chen Yi on April 4. Velshi is CNN’s chief business correspondent. Chen is a Grammy Award-winning composer and a professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance.

Tickets to the lectures are free, but required. Reservations can be made beginning two weeks before each event at jepson.richmond.edu/forum.

GIFTS

Estate gift supports Boatwright Scholars

The University recently received a major gift from the Estate of Martha and William Gross, R’49, to support the Frederic W. Boatwright

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Society Scholars Program.

Established in 1998, this merit scholarship program assists Richmond students who are descended from Richmond alumni. It is awarded to an incoming first-year student based on his or her academic achievements and extracurricular activities in high school.

The Boatwright Society is an organization of alumni who have reached or surpassed the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

In other fundraising news, the University received a substantial gift annuity from Virginia Lewis, G'55, to fund programs in the School of Continuing Studies.

GRANTS

Professors to evaluate rehabilitation programs

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a three-year, \$592,081 grant to Dr. David Dean and Dr. Robert Schmidt, economics professors in the Robins School of Business.

The professors plan to assess the financial efficiency of federal and state employment programs for people with disabilities and help develop ways to improve those programs. Joseph Ashley, assistant commissioner for grants and federal programs at the Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services, is a co-director of the project.

"These grants are extremely difficult to secure, and this award speaks well of the quality of the work of these two members of our economics department," says Dr. Nancy Bagranoff, dean of the Robins School.

Digital lab attracts humanities grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded \$48,155 to the University for a project directed by President Edward Ayers and Scott Nesbit, associate director of the Digital Scholarship Lab.

Given under the NEH Digital Humanities program, the grant will support "Landscapes of the American Past: Visualizing Emancipation," a digital mapping project designed to answer questions about where, when, and how emancipation emerged from the Civil War.

NEH has designated the project as a component of the "We the People" initiative, an effort to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture through projects that explore significant events and themes in the country's history.

The Digital Scholarship Lab develops innovative digital humanities projects that contribute to research and teaching on the Richmond campus and beyond. It seeks to reach a wide audience



Rios speaks on campus

U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios spoke on campus in September during the University's celebration of Latino-Hispanic Heritage Month. She told students that the Latino-Hispanic community can play a significant role in a consumer-driven economic recovery.

With almost 15 percent of the nation's population, this diverse constituency is "a huge market" with enormous potential, Rios said. But Hispanics suffered disproportionately during the recent recession with an unemployment rate of more than 12 percent. In some communities in California, more than half of foreclosures were on homes owned by Latino-Hispanic families, she said.

Rios said the key to long-term success in the recovery is investment in human capital, primarily through education. She credits the federal Head Start program with helping her and her siblings prepare for school.

Before entering high school, Rios landed a job at the county library through a government-run youth employment program. She worked 30 hours a week while going to high school. "This opportunity provided me with discipline and focus," as well as income, she said. It also impressed admissions officers at Harvard, where she earned a bachelor's degree.

Rios offered pointed advice to her mostly student audience. An undergraduate education is a good start, she said, but go on to graduate school and maximize your opportunities. She also warned her audience not to be seduced by today's "texting world." Social skills, she said, are vital to a successful personal and professional life.

Last but not least, Rios urged students to be responsible financially, beginning with their first credit cards. "Pay your bills. Be very careful about how you spend your money," she insisted. Leading into this recession, too many people were too trusting in the markets, took too much for granted, and were too exuberant.

—Rob Walker



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by developing projects that integrate thoughtful interpretation in the humanities and social sciences with innovations in new media. Other projects include “The History Engine: Tools for Collaborative Education and Research” and “Redlining Richmond.”

A noted scholar and historian of the American South, Ayers has published a number of books and digital history projects.

BOOKS

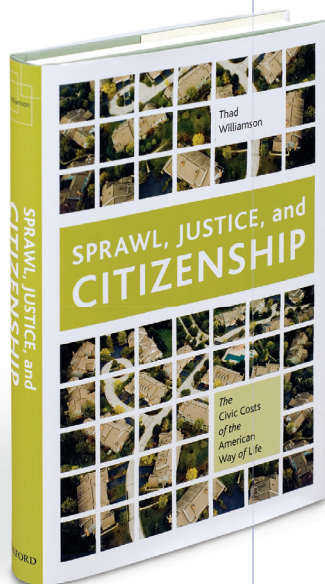
Williamson addresses suburban sprawl issues

In *Sprawl, Justice, and Citizenship: The Civic Costs of the American Way of Life*, Dr. Thad Williamson, assistant professor of leadership studies and political science, explores the 21st century status of suburban sprawl and the fight against it.

“The anti-sprawl movement, one of the most striking recent developments in both environmental and urban politics, finds itself at an impasse,” he begins. “Local and state initiatives aimed at combating sprawl have thus far failed to generate either political momentum or broad public consensus.”

“To debate suburban sprawl is to do nothing less than to

Dr. Thad Williamson wrote *Sprawl, Justice, and Citizenship: The Civic Costs of the American Way of Life*.



VALÉRIE REMISE

Cirque Éloize will perform in the Modlin Center's Alice Jepson Theatre in early March.

debate how we are to live together,” he continues. But unlike the usual diatribes against sprawl, Williamson’s book eschews the us-versus-them tone. Instead, he envisions “a just, efficient, civically engaged, and ecologically sustainable metropolis ... that should be attractive to people from a wide range of political viewpoints.”

CULTURE

Cirque Éloize returns to the Modlin Center

Cirque Éloize will stage four performances of its latest production—“ID”—in the Modlin Center’s Alice Jepson Theatre on March 4–6.

Written and directed by Jeannot Painchaud, “ID” features 14 artists and 10 circus acts, including contortion, trampoline, aerial work, and hand-to-hand acrobatics. This ultramodern

circus fuses with the urban elements of hip-hop and break dancing to create an unforgettable spectacle.

“I imagined this show at the heart of a futuristic city, where the omnipresence of image causes us to lose our reference points,” Painchaud says. “I sought to create an estheticism at the crossroads of comic books, science-fiction movies, and the rich universe of graffiti.”

Tickets for “ID” go on sale Jan. 21. For more information about Cirque Éloize and other Modlin Center events, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

FULBRIGHT

Salisbury researches Amazonian rainforest

Dr. David Salisbury, assistant professor of geography, environmental studies, and international studies, has received a Fulbright Scholar award to

teach and conduct research this fall at the Universidad Nacional de Ucayali (UNU) in Pucallpa, Peru.

Salisbury is studying the Amazon's indigenous territories and natural resources while offering Peruvians technical training in global positioning systems, geographic information science, and remote sensing. He hopes the training, combined with local knowledge of the rainforest, will improve understanding of the Amazon's natural resources and management techniques used by Amazonian professors, students, and indigenous people. He says the knowledge of indigenous Amazonian people is "too often disregarded, despite inherent potential for improved management."

Salisbury is the 12th UR professor in the past decade to win a Fulbright Scholar award and the first since 1984 to work in South America. He and three Richmond undergraduates performed collaborative research at UNU in summer 2009.

FACULTY

Business professor starts leading economic index

In partnership with the Virginia Council of CEOs, the Robins School of Business has developed an economic outlook survey to help central Virginia companies plan.

The council will survey

area business owners and CEOs of mid-sized companies each quarter. Results will be analyzed by Dr. Jeff Pollack, assistant professor of management at the Robins School, who created the survey and will develop a resulting economic outlook index. He will base the index on businesses' projected six-month sales, spending, and employment figures.

"Our M.B.A. students and faculty have enjoyed interacting with the council's members over the last few years, and a joint research project seemed like a natural evolution in our relationship," says Dr. Richard Coughlan, the Robins School's senior associate dean.

Businesses with gross annual revenues of at least \$1 million that are not council members are invited to participate in the survey. If enough businesses participate, the council will provide survey results by industry. Participation is free, and all participants will receive copies of the survey data.

"The leaders of entrepreneurial companies need information they can use to make decisions about growth," says Scot McRoberts, executive director of the council. "We know that our members will be able to use data from the new CEO survey to better understand the market and its opportunities, and we are glad to share it with the business community."



Achter studies impact of global media events

Dr. Paul Achter, assistant professor of rhetoric, has received a three-year grant from a Swedish foundation to conduct research in the field of transnational media studies.

The grant from the Swedish Central Bank Foundation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond) totals \$540,000 for three years of independent and team research into the ways global television events coordinate festive viewing and how they craft "instant histories" that can bind audiences together. The project is titled "Chronicle, Catastrophe, Ritual: Television Historiography and Transnational Politics."

Achter's primary collaborators are professors Staffan Ericson and Amanda Lagerkvist at Södertörn University in Sweden. They are researching the growing importance of representations of history on television and their impact on cultural memory. In addition, the professors will look at the growing importance of transnational television in the context of contemporary public events.

Their research will focus on three temporal modes of television: chronicles (history, documentary, and fiction); catastrophes (such as Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina); and rituals (organized global media events, such as the Olympic Games).

Achter has worked with colleagues in Stockholm for five years developing courses and pursuing research in this field. Last year, 12 Richmond undergraduates accompanied him to Sweden for a course in media studies and nationalism. Next summer, Achter and Ericson plan to teach a Tocqueville Seminar that will include a bus tour of the American South. Tocqueville Seminars are designed to examine American history and culture from international points of view.

—Emily Sackett, '10



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FOOTBALL

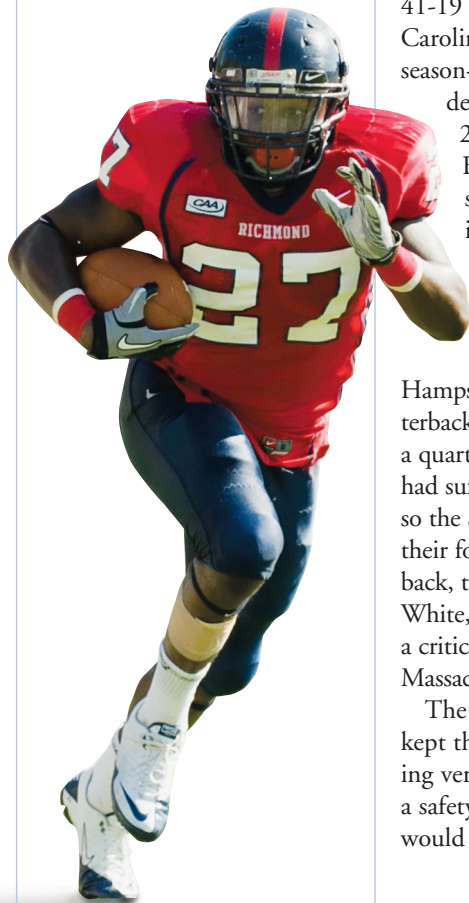
UR beats UMass despite QB losses

The big preseason question for the football team was which quarterback would start. Junior transfer Aaron Corp edged out sophomore John Laub, but the quarterback story was just getting started.

Corp led the team to a breathtaking 27-21 overtime win over No. 7 Elon in the first game played at E. Claiborne Robins Stadium. (See story on page 10.) But after a loss to No. 5 Delaware and a 41-19 win against Coastal Carolina, Corp suffered a season-ending injury in a devastating loss to No. 22 New Hampshire. By then, Laub was sidelined with a wrist injury, and third-string quarterback Nick Hicks was pressed into service. And soon after the New Hampshire game, the quarterback question turned into a quarterback crisis. Hicks had suffered a concussion, so the Spiders turned to their fourth-string quarterback, true freshman Montel White, as they prepared for a critical road game at No. 8 Massachusetts.

The Richmond defense kept the game close by playing very well and scoring a safety—two points that would prove to be pivotal.

Sophomore fullback Kendall Gaskins breaks free for a touchdown against Elon.



Freshman quarterback Montel White—despite his fourth-string status—led the Spiders to a shocking 11-10 win at UMass.

Halfway through the fourth quarter, UMass drove down to the one-yard line, and it looked like the Minutemen would score a decisive touchdown, but the Richmond defense stopped them on four consecutive plays.

Even so, UMass was leading 10-5 when Richmond got the ball back one last time with less than two minutes to play. White moved the Spiders 60 yards down the field, and with only nine seconds to spare, he hit junior wide receiver Tre Gray with a 15-yard touchdown pass to give Richmond an amazing 11-10 victory.

Unfortunately, the Spiders had little time to celebrate. After a 28-6 homecoming win over Towson, they lost on the road to No. 5 Villanova and won at home over No. 22 James Madison to keep their hopes of reaching the Division I FCS playoffs alive.

It turned out to be a solid year for the Spiders in the

toughest conference of the FCS. The team lost 15 starters from the 2009 team that won 11 games, but several players had outstanding senior years. Heading into the last two games of the season, linebacker Eric McBride led the defense with 101 tackles, and running back Tyler Kirchoff led the offense with six touchdowns.

LACROSSE

Carter to coach varsity club team

The University has elevated men's lacrosse to varsity club status and hired Glenn Carter to coach the team.

"Hiring coach Carter will allow the team to compete on a higher level and enjoy many of the benefits of a varsity program," says Tom Roberts, the University's director of recreation and wellness.

Carter has coached lacrosse for 16 years, most recently as head coach at Ursinus

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College. He also coached at the professional level for the Philadelphia Barrage. Previously he was head assistant coach at his alma mater, Neumann College, where he helped lead the team to the ECAC South Region Championship in 1999.

Roberts says the University plans to move the men's team from the National College Lacrosse League to the more competitive Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association, which hosts a national championship.

TENNIS

New men's coach pushes conditioning

Ben Johnson wasted no time this fall setting the tone as the new coach of the men's tennis team. After the team

harder, the Spiders took to the courts again in a five-team invitational at Mary Washington, and Johnson was pleased with what he saw. "We won six out of eight singles matches on Sunday," he said. "Our hard work and conditioning are paying off."

Johnson comes to Richmond from Davidson, where he was an assistant coach. Before that, he was director of two tennis development academies in Birmingham, Ala.

He inherits a Richmond team that put together 12 victories last season, the highest win total in five years. The roster includes last season's Atlantic 10 Most Outstanding Rookie, Sebastian Fauchet, and A-10 second-team selection Jesse Feder.

SPIRIT

Mascot makeover?

Last spring, the communications office entered into preliminary discussions with the athletics department to create a new look for Spidey to go with the new stadium and the recent success of Richmond's sports teams.

Athletics and communications leaders have selected a mascot company to propose alternative looks for Spidey this winter. And if the proposals pass muster, the University will put them to a vote in the spring by alumni, students, faculty, and staff.



Dueling track records

The men's and women's cross country and track and field teams spark competition in the Taylor household.

Steve and Lori Taylor are the Spiders' husband and wife coaching duo. Steve leads the men's cross country and track and field teams, while Lori handles the women's teams.

The in-house competition arises not so much from their teams' athletic accomplishments, but from their academic achievements. All four teams are on a remarkable streak—eight straight years of inclusion on the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic list.

To make the list, a team must have a collective grade point average of 3.0 or higher. For the Taylors, the question is which of their teams will have the highest GPA. "We have an annual dinner riding on it," says Steve, laughing. "I suppose it's a point of pride, since the money comes from the same pot, but it's a matter of who's going to be putting the credit card down."

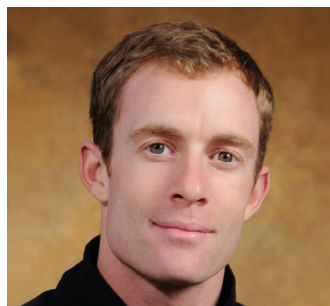
Many of the 65 athletes the Taylors coach run cross country and participate in both the indoor and outdoor track seasons, which means they train and compete during the entire academic year and beyond. That athletic regimen seems to translate into academic discipline.

Academic rigor also is a key topic in recruiting conversations with prospective team members. "We don't just bring it up," Steve says. "We stress it. We talk to the parents about it. We talk to the students about it."

Lori says academic honors from the coaches association is a major goal each year. "We want our student athletes to get a quality education," she says.

The teams expect to contend for conference championships this year, but that will not diminish the Taylor's GPA rivalry—not when the women have an academic score to settle. "Last year the men had a very good year," Steve says. "Lori treated me."

—Randy Hallman



Johnson

struggled on the third day of competition at the Virginia Classic in Charlottesville, Johnson said conditioning was an obvious factor. "We were physically drained, and it was apparent on the court," he said.

After a week of working



By Randy Hallman

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Spiders celebrate the grand opening of Robins Stadium with a dramatic win over Elon.

After more than eight decades of playing off campus, the football team christened E. Claiborne Robins Stadium with a dramatic overtime win on Sept. 18.

The day was nearly perfect for the team and the University, with 8,700 cheering fans and a sparkling new stadium. The late-summer weather was idyllic, the game sold out, and the 27-21 Spider victory over Elon will not soon be forgotten among the Richmond faithful.

The contest was hard-fought and full of big plays. Elon tied the game at 21, scoring on a 25-yard touchdown pass as time expired in the fourth quarter. In overtime, Elon had the ball first and settled for a field goal attempt that was



Former UR football and baseball star Brian Jordan, R'89, (left) chats with commentators in the booth on opening day while Richmond fans file into the stadium.



blocked by senior defensive lineman Casey Cooley. Two plays later, senior running back Tyler Kirchoff ended the game with a 16-yard dash to the end zone. At the dramatic finish, many of the students raced the length of the field to swarm Kirchoff after he scored the winning touchdown.

"Opening day for Robins Stadium was such an important milestone," says President Edward Ayers. "Winning that first game against a top 10 opponent—in overtime—was thrilling, but we were celebrating much more than the achievements of our football team. We were celebrating all the hard work and generosity that made this beautiful facility possible. We were celebrating our expectations that Robins Stadium

will be a unifying force for the entire University community for many years to come."

SCHOOL SPIRIT

During the game, students sat—or mostly stood—2,000 strong in the sun-drenched stands beyond the north end zone, just below the stadium's SpiderVision video screen.

Eric D'Agostino, '14, said his first Spider football game was a wonderful experience. "This is a great part of school spirit," he said. "And because it's on campus, students will always be here."

Alumni attending the game also raved about the new stadium. "Wonderful! First class!" said season ticket holder Don Kent, R'60 and L'63. "I didn't think I would live to see it. ... I got here early, and we had about 17 people tailgating together."

Allison Jones Vogler, W'78, cried when the team ran onto the field at the beginning of the game. More than four years before the stadium opened, she was the first Spider to commit to lifetime rights to a "Spider Seat." Her husband, Jim, graduated a year ahead of her, and her daughter, Amelia, '11, is the sports editor of *The Collegian*. Vogler works for the Spider Club and was involved in the fundraising that made the stadium possible.

She shed more tears of joy when the students ran triumphantly onto the field at the end of the game.

First-year head coach Latrell Scott says the home crowd generated plenty of positive energy for the Spiders. It started with the "Spider Walk," the tradition of fans lining the team's path from Tyler Haynes Commons to the stadium. Scott says the team also fed on the historic aspect of the day with players bantering back and forth about who would score the team's first touchdown.





That honor went to senior wide receiver Kevin Grayson, but the victory belonged to the entire team and the entire University community. That's what mattered most to Scott, who said, "I just wanted us to win the first game in the new stadium."

PROUD SPIDERS

Before the game, Richmond honored several former football stars. Two of those alumni—Brian Jordan, R'89, and Leland Melvin, R'86—watched the game from the 20-yard line trading high fives after big plays. Both are in the UR Athletics Hall of Fame.

Jordan made 224 tackles and 11 interceptions in three years as a cornerback for the Spiders. He went on to star in both the National Football League and in Major League Baseball. He is now a television commentator for the Atlanta Braves, and his Brian Jordan Foundation supports programs for underprivileged children.

"I'm excited ... proud to be a Spider," Jordan said. "This stadium shows how far the Richmond Spiders have come. Before, when you came back for a game, you had to go downtown. And that was fine, but that was not our home. Now you can come to the game, visit the campus, and hang out where you

have so many memories. You can see all the new things."

Melvin set career marks for receptions (198) and yards (2,669) as a Spider wide receiver and was an academic all-American. After a brief stint in the NFL, he joined NASA and eventually became an astronaut. He is the first Spider and the only former NFL player to orbit the earth, and he was recently named NASA's associate administrator for education.

the University developed a facility that blends with Richmond's Collegiate Gothic architecture.

University Architect Andrew McBride says he is pleased when people say the \$28 million stadium "looks like it has been here forever."

In addition to 625,000 special "UR-blend" bricks, Robins Stadium incorporates many elements that are familiar to Richmond alumni. It wraps around the Fred Hardy track,

Senior Kevin Grayson (left) scored the first Richmond touchdown in the new stadium. Senior Tyler Kirchoff (center) scored the winning touchdown in overtime, and head coach Latrell Scott savored the moment.

In addition to 625,000 special "UR-blend" bricks, Robins Stadium incorporates many elements that are familiar to Richmond alumni.

"This stadium is about the passion we all have for the University," Melvin said. "It makes for a wonderful opportunity to play here on campus. I'm really happy for the athletes who are here now and for the students and alumni."

LANDMARK STATUS

The city of Richmond limited the seating capacity of the new stadium to 8,700. Once that was established,

named for the University's legendary track and field coach. And one entrance is secured by "Catlett's Web," a gate from city stadium that was donated by Steve Catlett, B'62. The University also went to great lengths to preserve the large white oak tree that stands at the south end of the west grandstand. A tree surgeon and an arborist helped direct efforts to save the tree.

"It was surrounded by a parking



President Edward Ayers (left) makes a presentation to E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86, at homecoming. Catlett's Web, a gate from city stadium, secures the southeast entrance to Robins Stadium, which was full of Spiders on opening day.

Web Bonus
Watch video coverage of the stadium's opening day at magazine.richmond.edu.

lot, so the asphalt had to be pulled up gingerly," McBride recalls. "The canopy and the roots had to be pruned, and the tree had to be watered and fed."

Rescuing the old oak tree was just the beginning of the stadium's environmental signature. McBride expects the stadium to earn the LEED silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED stands for leadership in energy and environmental design, the national standard for sustainable construction. A long list of specifications includes no irrigation, reduction of light pollution, and reflective roofing to minimize a "heat-island effect." In addition, all of the concrete from the old First Market stadium on campus was used to help fill a ravine adjacent to Lora Robins Court.

Jim Miller, director of athletics, is particularly pleased with the stadium's aesthetics. "It looks even better than I thought it would," he says.

BEYOND FOOTBALL

The University officially dedicated the new stadium during the homecoming game against Towson. Half-time ceremonies honored the Robins family and all the stadium's donors.

"I wish my dad could be here to see this," said E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86.

"He loved sports, especially Spider sports. I have fond memories of him taking the whole family to football games. We learned early on that the Spiders were our team."

The stadium was nearly full for every game this season, but the new facility accommodates much more than football fans. The women's lacrosse team and the track and field teams will compete there, and the stadium will bring Special Olympics Virginia back to campus.

Special Olympics Virginia was a campus fixture for more than two decades, but it has been on a two-year hiatus at the nearby Collegiate School while Robins Stadium was under construction. Rick Jeffrey, president of Special Olympics Virginia, says his organization's partnership with the University helps advance Richmond's strategic goals of inclusive diversity and community engagement. "The new stadium also gives our athletes a great setting for their competition," he says. "The configuration puts people right on the action on both sides of the field."

Stephy Samaras Mantziaras, the women's lacrosse coach, says her players are thrilled with the new stadium. They especially like the artificial playing surface. "Our season runs from the middle of winter to

the beginning of summer," she says. "With this surface, we'll be able to play at our best level the entire time."

Robins Stadium is a major point of pride for the lacrosse team. "It's one of the focal points of the campus," Mantziaras explains. "We've played on several different fields. Now we have this great place to play and practice every day."

The team's first game in the new stadium will be against defending national champion Maryland on Feb. 13.

"The stadium is a gift to the entire University family," concludes Guilherme Annunciacao, '11. "And because we have it here on campus, the gift brings the family together. ... It feels like we are home." ✱

For more information about the stadium, visit RobinsStadium.com. At press time, the Spiders' playoff hopes were still alive. To see how their season turned out, go to richmondspiders.com.

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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

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Meet Gil Villanueva

A conversation with
Richmond's assistant
vice president and
dean of admission

As members of the Class of 2014 settled into their first semester at Richmond, Gil Villanueva, assistant vice president and dean of admission, sat down with Karl Rhodes, the magazine's editor, to talk about the University's admission process.

Gil joined the University in July 2009 as Richmond was beginning to generate dramatic increases in the quantity, quality, and diversity of students applying for admission. Richmond has become a highly selective university in recent years, and the admission office manages the selection process thoroughly, thoughtfully, and holistically.

Before coming to Richmond, Gil worked for Brandeis University from 2005 to 2009 as dean of admission. He previously held positions of increasing responsibility in the admission offices of Bucknell University and Harvey Mudd College. Gil takes his admission responsibilities very seriously, but he brings a disarming sense of humor to his work, which includes long hours of traveling, recruiting students, meeting with alumni, reviewing applications, and managing a dedicated and hard-working staff of admission professionals and alumni volunteers.

Gil earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., and his master's degree in education at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. He enjoys the arts, athletics,



Steve Wilborn, senior associate director of admission, welcomes a group of prospective students and their families to campus.

automobiles, dogs, traveling, and parenting—not necessarily in that order. His favorite books are: *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *How Green Was My Valley*, and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

It's great to see record numbers of prospective students applying to the University, Gil. Why are we seeing such dramatic increases?

First and foremost, I believe word is getting around that Richmond is a great value—a strong combination of quality and affordability. My colleagues at the University have worked hard to get that message out. For example, the admission office, university communications, and information services have teamed up to produce a wonderful website. It really makes it easier for prospective students and families to

look into what the University offers and understand how they might benefit from a Richmond education. I am proud that the admission office works very hard to encourage students who would be a good fit to apply. I work with professionals who arrive early and stay late, very conscientious people. The staff understands that for the University to realize the goals set by *The Richmond Promise*, we need to put in the hours and apply as much brainpower as we can to get prospective students and families to visit the campus. Our beautiful campus and our outstanding academic programs make it easy to convert students from inquiries to applicants.

We had 8,661 applicants for the Class of 2014. How many of those students would be successful at Richmond?

We are fortunate to have many highly qualified applicants. In fact, more than 80 percent of them are statistically admissible. They are some of the top students nationally and internationally. This is what makes the work of the admission office so challenging. We are asked to choose from among so many talented students.

Students apply to more schools than they used to, right?

Yes. Nationally, the typical student applies to nine colleges. But it's not so much about how many universities they apply to, it's *where* they apply. Richmond's top 12 schools for cross-applicants include Georgetown, UVa, William & Mary, Duke, Brown, Cornell, and Dartmouth. The quality of our applicants, in terms of academic profile, is even higher this year than last year, so they have more college

options. On average, students will receive offers of admission from seven of the nine schools they apply to. This also tells us that we're doing our job, which is to identify and attract the most talented students.

And that brings me to the big question. What are you looking for? What really gets your attention when you are considering all those applications?

We need to attract a diverse group of students with strong academic records and a variety of talents. It is important to say that we are looking to build an orchestra here. And, in doing so, we cannot afford to have only violinists. We are looking for students who will benefit most from our University, and we are looking for students who will benefit the University as well.

How do you evaluate academic records?

We look at each applicant's academic record in the context of the secondary school he or she attends. How are they challenging themselves within that environment? We do not expect students to take every available AP, IB, and honors course, but we like to see some—particularly in areas where they have excelled. We also look at how students perform overall in their high school classes. If a student had a strong beginning in ninth grade, we want to see that continue. If a student had a bit of a rough start, we want to see improvement. We never want to see that performance arrow going down.

What about standardized test scores?

We look at either the SAT I or ACT. We have no preference among those two. With international students whose native language is not English, we require them to take the TOEFL test.



On the road with Gil

On Oct. 21, Gil was in Manhattan meeting with prospective students, high school counselors, alumni parents, and alumni volunteers. His jam-packed day is typical of what Richmond's admission officers do on recruiting trips.

6:30 a.m. — Walks to Dunkin Donuts for coffee and a bagel. "I wish we had more Dunkin Donuts in Richmond," he says.

7:15 a.m. — Drives to Friends Seminary for the first high school visit of the day. Traffic is light, so he arrives in time to answer a few emails.

8:15 a.m. — Meets with a guidance counselor at Friends Seminary.

9:15 a.m. — Drives to the Abraham Joshua Heschel School.

10:30 a.m. — Meets with two counselors and seven prospective students at the Heschel School.

11:30 a.m. — Drives north to The Calhoun School. Traffic is much worse now.

Noon — Meets with one counselor and six students at The Calhoun School. "I try to keep these meetings relaxed and informal," he says. "The most important task is to answer their questions."

1:15 p.m. — Drives back to the hotel.

2:30 p.m. — After a quick lunch, Gil answers emails, returns phone calls, types up notes, and works on a PowerPoint.

4:30 p.m. — Goes for a 30-minute run.

5:00 p.m. — Starts preparing for his evening event with alumni and prospective legacy students at Trinity School.

6:00 p.m. — Takes a cab to a supermarket near Trinity School to pick up chocolate éclairs for the event. "My inner waiter has to serve something," he says.

6:45 p.m. — Walks to Trinity School and sets up a welcome table.

7:30 p.m. — Meets with three alumni families and two Alumni Recruitment Committee volunteers—Kristin Viola, '03, and Mike Weiss, '09. "The éclairs were awesome!"

9:00 p.m. — Goes to dinner with Kristin, co-chair of the New York City recruitment committee, to discuss the work of the committee and other admission ideas.

10:30 p.m. — Takes a cab back to the hotel, where he answers emails from prospective students and prepares his transportation routes for the next day.

12:30 a.m. — Sleep!



Julie Stevenson, '11,
answers questions
during a campus tour.

Can you rule out a lot of applicants by just looking at grades and test scores?

Absolutely not. As I mentioned earlier, so many of our applicants—more than 80 percent of them last year—are statistically admissible. But we had 8,661 applicants for about 800 spaces this year, so we cannot admit everyone. This is where subjectivity comes into play. After accounting for the academic fit, we must account for the social fit.

What do you mean by social fit?

We look into what students might do to benefit the University, especially their fellow students. What would they do outside of academics? Are they leaders? Will they make a positive impact on campus? We want to see depth of commitment to an activity or interest. Are they passionate about what they are doing? Or are they just dabbling?

What about students who have jobs?

If a student works after school, we fully understand that he or she might not have as much time to devote to co-curricular activities. If a student takes care of siblings or another family member after school, we understand that as well. But they have to tell us about it. We tell students all the time, “Don’t be afraid to divulge all of the things that may set you apart.”

What about recommendations?

Recommendations are important. We want to see strong recommendations from a guidance counselor or a teacher.

Does it help to get a recommendation from a well-known person?

Ah, that’s a very good question. It’s imperative that students understand what colleges and universities are

asking for. We’re looking for a recommendation from someone who knows you well and can speak to what you would add to the University community. The credentials of the recommender are not being considered. So we tell our prospective students, “If there is someone else out there who wants to recommend you, let’s be sure that he or she can represent you in a different light.” For example, let’s say we have students who work as congressional pages in Washington. Those recommendations are fabulous!

So they need to be relevant.

Yes. They need to be relevant. But here at Richmond, we do pay attention to those types of recommendations if they say something that further illustrates how the student is a good match for the University.

What about the essay?

The essays are important. We want to see how well the applicants represent themselves in their essays. We do not expect them to be Pulitzer Prize winners, but we do expect good writing. And good writing means taking care of the mechanics, having a point, and making sure the message aligns with the rest of the application. We want the students to express what's important to them.

I've heard you say before that you look at everything. I assume that includes co-curricular activities, sports, community service, and so forth.

Everything that the applicant tells us. The application review, if nothing else, is conducted in a very holistic manner. We look at how

one or two things, but wow! He is a virtuoso! I think Karl is going to contribute significantly to our music programs on campus.

What advice would you give to a student who is just getting started in high school? What can they do now to prepare for college?

Most importantly, stay in school and do what you can to challenge yourself. Be a good listener. Work with your teachers, work with your counselors, and work with your parents. Work a little bit harder on those subjects that are difficult for you. It's good to be challenged. But it's not OK to receive less than satisfactory marks, because selective colleges and universities are going to be looking closely at your academic record.

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the student will be a fit here, both academically and socially. We are interested in what the students have to say, what their teachers have to say, what their counselors have to say. So, yes, we do look at everything.

Are you searching for the proverbial well-rounded student?

There are some schools out there that say, “Yes, we want well-rounded students.” Here at Richmond, we say, “Yes, but we also want angular students.” Maybe Karl does only

What advice do you have for high school juniors or seniors on how to select a college that's right for them?

Well, in terms of what's right for them, the best place to start is with students' interests and expectations. I always tell young people to begin with the three things they like most about their secondary schools, the three things that benefited them. For example, if you realize that you enjoy having small classes, one-on-one attention from teachers, and a



Admission Mathematics

8,661

Total applicants for the Class of 2014

2,856

Applicants admitted

818

Students enrolled this fall

87%

Enrolled students who declared Richmond as their top choice

collaborative learning environment, then make sure that the colleges you are considering offer these things.

Is it also an opportunity to get away from some things that they don't like?

Absolutely! It's their chance to make a change. Fortunately, in the United States, we have more than 3,000 colleges and universities, so students have a lot of choices. But, there's only one Richmond. We are the only Spiders.

Speaking of Spiders. What can alumni do to help?

The alumni have always been very supportive of student recruitment at this University. I was told this when I first arrived, and I have witnessed it throughout my first year. I tell the

exciting is that? Also, I would love for all prospective students and families to understand just how hard this University works to prepare young people for leadership roles in society. This is evident in what our alumni are doing today. They are very successful. They are the community leaders. They are the managers. They are the ones leading the charge in their respective industries.

We must be doing something right.

Yes. Our success is reflected in our alumni's success. What better endorsement than that?

Do alumni get involved in the recruiting process?

Yes. The admission office can't be everywhere, so alumni volunteers are

who will make sure college fairs and student interviews in these markets are staffed. It's amazing. These alumni have full-time jobs and many other responsibilities, and yet they are volunteering to help us.

It sounds like our whole admission team works really hard.

I truly feel fortunate to be surrounded by terrific and hard-working professionals and dedicated alumni.

Long hours?

Yep. Right now (October), we are in travel mode—visiting high schools, conducting off-campus interviews, hosting receptions, and meeting with guidance counselors and alumni. When the applications arrive, we will go into reading mode, we will be consumed by reading and discussing those files. Then we will be in selection mode. At that point, we will be shaping the incoming class in many ways—building that orchestra that we talked about. And then, soon after that, we have to work hard to encourage the applicants we have chosen to choose us. Don't forget: They will be offered admission to an average of seven schools!

So you have a long way to go to shape the Class of 2015.

We will not be done until May. And beginning this November, we also will start aggressively working on the Class of 2016.

You mentioned meeting with alumni. How are we doing with admitting legacy students—the children and grandchildren of alumni?

We value our alumni, and we value their families, so we take extra care in reviewing their applications. We also waive the application fee for children and stepchildren of alumni. Of course, legacy applicants must still compete in a highly competitive selection process.

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alumni to “please continue doing what you're doing to promote your alma mater in your everyday lives.” Our alumni recommend their alma mater to prospective students, and they wear their Spider pride on their sleeves—literally! Last spring, I was so happy to see a Richmond flag prominently displayed in Los Angeles on a busy street. How

very important. One recent example is the Alumni Recruitment Committee, a group of alumni volunteers who have graciously volunteered their time and resources to help the admission office recruit top students in five key cities—Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Boston, and Dallas. We train alumni to serve as deputy admission officers. They are the ones

How involved should parents be in the process? Not just alumni parents, but parents in general?

The millennial generation operates in full partnership with their parents. They communicate about a myriad of things, including the college admission process. Having said that, I think it is important for prospective students to lead the process because if we are only hearing from mom and dad, we start to wonder, “How interested is this student in the institution?”

What about early decision? What are the pros and cons of early decision?

Students and families must understand that early decision is a binding agreement to attend one school and one school only. They are letting an institution know that, if offered admission, they will attend. For the most part, early decision is beneficial to students who wish to know early and are not interested in comparing financial aid offers. Many schools, including Richmond, are very excited by early decision candidates because they are the ones who say, “Pick me! Pick me! I will attend! I love your school already!” Ultimately, those admitted have liberated themselves from the stress of having to wait until April to learn of the admission decision. With regard to disadvantages of early decision, the inability to receive and compare various financial aid awards from other schools is the only con that I can think of. My advice: “If you have a top choice and your family is okay with receiving only one financial aid award, then early decision is the way to go.”

How does the wait list work?

Students on the wait list are being told, “You are a strong applicant. We think you’re a match, but we ran out of offers to extend.” If they

accept our wait list offer, then they will be contacted should openings arise. Everything will be on a competitive basis. So those students on the wait list must still compete with one another.

So “wait list” is not just a euphemism for “denied.”

That’s correct. We don’t want to give anyone false hope, but we have many excellent students on our wait list each year, and a number of them become Spiders!

Do you tell them where they stand on the list?

We don’t rank our wait list because we want to maintain the flexibility to create that orchestra we were talking about earlier. As we start to see which students accept our offers of admission, we might say, “We need more percussionists!” So we will then find some very good percussionists on our wait list.

So how is our orchestra shaping up for next fall?

We are just beginning to receive applications for the Class of 2015, but I am very optimistic based on what I have seen during my first year as dean of admission. The number of applicants and the *quality* of those applicants indicate that prospective students and their families understand that Richmond is an extraordinary institution. Working with a highly qualified group of prospective students, we have the luxury of being very selective, so I predict that the Class of 2015 will be another talented and interesting group of men and women. ✨

To learn more about Richmond’s admission process, visit admissions.richmond.edu. Send comments about this story to krhodes@richmond.edu.



The right fit

Travis Burr, ’14, of St. Louis, took his college search very seriously. By his junior year, he had developed a list of 15 East Coast universities, ranging from Boston College to the University of Miami. “I wanted the Division I football and basketball experience,” he explains. “I always enjoyed watching those crazy guys on ESPN’s *College GameDay*. I wanted to be one of those guys.”

But as Burr started researching his list of schools, he concluded that he preferred a smaller university. He also narrowed his search to colleges in Virginia and the Carolinas. Burr visited Richmond in August 2009, toured the campus, and met with Kate Rivard, an assistant director of admission.

“If I come to Richmond and become a Spider, who would I be?” he asked her.

“That depends on who you want to be,” she replied.

Burr liked that answer, and he fell in love with the place. He was particularly impressed by the strong academic reputations of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the Robins School of Business. He plans to take full advantage of opportunities in both schools to hone his oral and written communication skills. “That should put me in a pretty good place,” he says, “when I start applying to graduate schools.”

In the meantime, Burr has not completely given up on his ESPN *GameDay* dream. “Our basketball team is pretty good,” he notes. “And I love going to football games in the new stadium.”



From the top: Lora M. Robins and E. Claiborne Robins Sr. in New York in the 1950s; Mrs. Robins at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden with fellow board member Frederic Cox Jr. in 1984; Mrs. Robins with three presidents of the University—George Modlin (left), Richard Morrill (center), and Bruce Hellman—in 1996; and Mrs. Robins on campus in 2009 with President Edward Ayers (left) and her children (from the right) E. Claiborne Robins Jr., Betty Robins Porter, and Ann Carol Marchant at the 40th anniversary celebration of their gift to the University.

A TRIBUTE TO

Lora Robins

The University has bid farewell to one of its greatest supporters, Lora M. Robins, H'73, widow of E. Claiborne Robins Sr., R'31 and H'60. Mrs. Robins died on Aug. 22, 2010, at the age of 98.

"The Robins family has given the University of Richmond the opportunity to be more than it could have otherwise imagined, and Mrs. Robins was there every step of the way, guiding and shaping our future," said President Edward Ayers. "We are profoundly grateful."

Mrs. Robins' monetary gifts to the University are widely recognized on campus, but fewer people recall that she was equally generous with her time and talent. "She always responded to anything we asked her to do," recalled Chancellor Bruce Heilman, a former president of the University, who cherished a close, 39-year friendship with Mrs. Robins. "Helping the University was something she did with great joy."

When the Robins family decided to fund a new president's house in the early 1970s, Mrs. Robins met with the architects to develop plans for the home. She also worked with the interior designers to choose artwork, wallpaper, and furnishings. For more than two decades, she continued to make financial and in-kind contributions to remodel and redecorate the home.

In the late 1970s, when the Robins family donated \$4 million for a new women's residence hall, the University named it Lora Robins Court in her honor. And the students who live there today still feel a connection to Mrs. Robins. "I was touched by the many expressions of sympathy from the first-year women and resident assistants living in Lora Robins Court," said Mrs. Robins' daughter, Ann Carol Marchant. "It was refreshing to learn that these young women understand that my mother's devotion to the University

continues to impact their lives."

Though Mrs. Robins graduated from Baylor University, she was nonetheless a Richmond Spider, and she passed her devotion to the University on to her children: Marchant, W'67; E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86; and Betty Robins Porter, H'78. In 1973, Mrs. Robins received an honorary degree from Richmond, and from 1974 through 2000, she served on the Board of Associates. In 1982, she received the Trustees' Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to the University, Mrs. Robins supported many other worthy causes in the Richmond community. She was a driving force behind the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, where she is said to have

scrubbed bathrooms in the early days of its development. "That was my mother," said E. Claiborne Robins Jr. "She was the type of person who pitched in and did whatever it took to get things done. She often worked quietly behind the scenes to make a difference in other people's lives."

At Mrs. Robins' memorial service, which was held at Lewis Ginter, Heilman recalled that he once received a perplexing phone call from Mrs. Robins. "She said she had some rocks in her basement we might be interested in," he said. Those

"rocks" turned out to be a valuable collection of gems, minerals, and fossils. Her donation was the beginning of the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature, which opened on campus in 1977. "Mrs. Robins really enjoyed the idea that so much fine art comes from artists studying nature," said Dr. Richard Waller, executive director of University Museums. "She founded a place where we can make connections between the scientific study of nature and what artists do when they are inspired by nature." Even in her 90s, Mrs. Robins enjoyed visiting the museum and showing off some of her favorite objects to friends. "It's really her museum," Waller said. "It was very special to her, and it is a wonderful place for her name to live on." ✨



Mrs. Robins at her 96th birthday party.



Katie Conklin, '14,
discusses fairy tales
with Dr. Libby Gruner.

SEMINARS *of* Choice

Richmond's new first-year seminars challenge students early in their Richmond experience.

Students encounter many things that are new to them during their first semester of college, but this fall Richmond's first-year students experienced something that was new to everyone on campus—first-year seminars.

The University now requires first-year students to choose two courses—one in the fall and one in the spring—that are designed to hone their ability to think critically and communicate clearly. These first-year seminars—54 in the fall and 53 in the spring—cover 80 unique topics ranging from Socrates and Shakespeare to pop culture and climate change.

“First-year seminars allow faculty members to teach to their passion and students to explore subjects across the entire range of the University,” says President

Edward Ayers, who will be teaching a first-year seminar in the spring called “Mapping American History.” “The descriptions of the new course offerings are fascinating,” he notes. “If I were a student, I would

have a hard time choosing just two.”

Katie Conklin, '14, selected a seminar called “Twice-Told Tales: Fairy Tales in Literary and Popular Culture.” She and her classmates studied stories such as *Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty*. They researched different versions and parodies of the tales as well as other artistic expressions inspired by them. They also considered reasons for the persistence of fairy tales and how their meanings can vary in different times and places.

The students' first assignment was to read different versions of *Cinderella* in order to get a sense of how the tale is told in other cultures. The class also discussed Karen Rowe's literary criticism “Feminism and Fairy Tales,” in which Rowe highlights the passive, dependent, and subservient nature of female protagonists in fairy tales.

“We used Rowe's points to examine different portrayals of the character Cinderella and found that some Cinderellas are much more active and assertive than others,” Conklin recalls.



Jeremy Drummond (left) and Dr. Pat Fishe bring different perspectives to their “Seeing, Believing, and Understanding” course. Drummond is an art expert, while Fishe focuses on finance.

INNOVATIVE FACULTY

Conklin’s fairy tale course was taught by Dr. Libby Gruner, an associate professor of English who chaired a faculty committee that looked for ways to improve Richmond’s first-year academic experience.

“The charge was to look at whether what we were doing for first-year students was serving them throughout their careers, and whether we would want to make a change,” she recalls. The committee ultimately focused on the University’s “Core Course,” which had been a requirement since the early 1990s, along with English 103. About half the students took 103, while the other half placed out of that requirement.

Provost Steve Allred, vice president for academic affairs, says the University wanted to build on the Core Course. “The Core Course, I think, was instrumental in increasing the academic rigor of the University,” he says. “The underlying purpose served by both core and the first-year seminars is the same—to focus on critical thinking and writing. ... We’re actually building on a legacy, a shared commitment to creating a first-year

experience that’s challenging.”

The committee received seminar proposals from professors in all five schools. The majority came from Arts and Sciences—Richmond’s largest school—but six courses emerged from the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, five from the Robins School of Business, five from the School of Law, and four from the School of Continuing Studies.

That broad support aligned perfectly with goal one of principle one of *The Richmond Promise*, the University’s strategic plan. The goal is “to capitalize on interdisciplinary and cross-school connections to provide students a distinctive education.”

Faculty training sessions for the seminars enhanced those cross-school connections, Gruner recalls. “It was really great to see the interplay between arts and sciences, business, leadership, and law. That was probably the piece of it that the faculty liked best—just the opportunity to talk about teaching with colleagues in other schools to see what kind of commonalities they have.”

The most important common denominator is the faculty’s commit-

ment to teaching first-year students, Allred says. “They’re comfortable with the notion of teaching critical thinking, writing, and discussion skills. And if they can do that with a topic that taps their expertise and stirs their passions, then they’re going to deliver an outstanding classroom experience.” Allred will be teaching a first-year seminar in the spring called “Working: An Examination of the Legal, Economic, and Social Aspects of the 9 to 5 World.” (To read more about Allred’s experience, visit “Bonus Content” at magazine.richmond.edu.)

TEAM TEACHERS

Dr. Pat Fishe and Jeremy Drummond teamed up to teach a course called “Seeing, Believing, and Understanding.” Fishe is the Patricia A. and George W. Welde Jr. Distinguished Professor of Finance in the Robins School of Business, while Drummond is an assistant professor in the Department of Art and Art History.

The course explores how information is displayed and how people interpret what they see. “We are teaching students how to organize

information for display, how to use an artistic perspective to make displays more effective, and how to recognize misleading presentations,” Fishe explains.

Drummond and Fishe started collaborating online last spring and quickly realized that their interests intersect nicely where statistics and art overlap. They met during the summer and developed a course in which students write about charts, graphs, and images while also learning how to create them.

The class sessions are truly team efforts. “Usually it’s both of us, where Pat will lecture on something and I’ll lecture on something else,” Drummond says. “It’s a constant back and forth, and I think it has worked quite well.”

One of their students, Tony Tomasseti, ’14, says the interdisciplinary team approach adds value to the class. For example, Fishe and Drummond were able to provide separate perspectives on graphs that the class was studying from *The Wall Street Journal*. “The finance guy gave his take on it, and the arts guy gave his take on it,” Tomasseti says. “It was probably my favorite class.”

ACADEMIC SMORGASBORD

Among the things that make Richmond’s first-year seminars unusual are the classes taught by members of the law faculty.

Mary Kelly Tate, director of the Institute for Actual Innocence in the School of Law, is one of five law faculty members who volunteered to teach a seminar. (See her Vantage Point column on page 48.)

“I love the idea of teaching newly minted students who are coming into the University,” she says. “I love the idea of interacting with college freshmen, and I love the idea of being part of a brand new curriculum template.”

Tate’s seminar, “Wrongful Convic-

tions in Modern America,” examines important societal realities through the lens of wrongful convictions. Discussions deal with race, poverty, faith in science and reason, and notions of punishment and redemption.

The course is a natural outgrowth of Tate’s expertise, but the students are quite different. Her law students are generally at least 23 years old. Her seminar students are mostly 18 or 19. “They are not in the middle of a professional endeavor,” Tate says. “They are smack dab at the beginning of a liberal arts education, which I think is absolutely crucial to the formation and maintenance of a civilized society and a society that is committed to civil liberties and freedom of speech.”

Tate is an enthusiastic supporter of the first-year seminars. “The variety of the courses sort of fits the zeitgeist of the times,” she says. “I do think this generation is very used to a menu of choices.”

With only one semester of experience with the new seminars, the faculty is already beginning to evaluate their progress. “We will measure our success in a couple of ways,” Gruner says. “First, we will use our regular assessment process, which will determine whether we are actually meeting the goals of improving student’s communication skills, information literacy, and critical thinking. Then, over time, we expect to see an increase in student engagement. For example, I expect to see more students get the research bug.”

Gruner also expects the faculty to benefit from the first-year seminars. “We already have terrific teachers,” she says, “but we have all learned new things from developing these courses, and I believe we will see that pay off across the curriculum.” ✱

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Seminar Sampler

Here is a sampling of first-year seminars with intriguing titles. For a complete list of all 80 seminar topics, including a brief description of each course, visit “Bonus Content” at magazine.richmond.edu.

- Baseballs, Body Parts, and Rosa Parks
- Cyberspace: History, Culture, Future
- Democracy and the Deficit
- Feel the Heat: The Facts and Fiction of Climate Change
- Friendship
- Guns in America
- Heroes and Villains
- Higher Education: From Aristotle to Animal House
- Hip Hop Performances
- It’s About Time
- Jazz and the Beat Generation
- Morality and the Great Recession of 2008–2009
- Multiple Interpretations: God and the Devil
- Muslim Women in the Middle: Living Islam in a Modern World
- Noble Beasts: Animals in Our Lives and Literature
- Open Water: The Centrality of Oceans
- Science Meets Fiction
- Shakespeare and the Politics of Leadership
- Shaping Human Desire: Models, Rivals, and Scapegoats
- Souls of Scientists
- The Post-Apocalyptic Imagination
- The Search for Self
- What Does the World Think of America?
- What the White House Said Today
- What’s So Funny? An Exploration of Comedy and Laughter

ALUMNI NEWS

Chaunteé Schuler, '03, debuted on Broadway as Nala in *The Lion King*.

BROADWAY

Schuler plays Nala in *The Lion King*

Actress Chaunteé Schuler, '03, continues to thrive in the spotlight of theatrical success. In June, she debuted on Broadway as Nala in Disney's long-running production of *The Lion King*.

Several years ago, Schuler played Nala in Disney's touring production of the show. Other prominent stage credits include an international tour of *The Producers* and a Philadelphia production of *Dreamgirls*.

More recently she played Bonnie McKechnie, a convicted killer turned helpful lawyer on the CBS soap opera *As the World Turns*.

"My family always said, 'Follow your heart; follow your dreams,'" Schuler told a writer for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. In that story, she also credited her Richmond experience for advancing her career. She returned to campus on Sept. 18 to sing the national anthem before the first football game in the new E. Claiborne Robins Stadium.

Schuler attended the Actors Studio Drama School in New York on a full scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.



Pete Lawson, R'87, vice president of government relations at Ford Motor Co., helped Mike Liedtka, '11, become a government affairs intern in Ford's Washington office.

VOLUNTEER

Lawson helps student obtain Ford internship

Pete Lawson, R'87, vice president of government relations at Ford Motor Co., was among the many alumni who helped Richmond students secure challenging internships last summer.

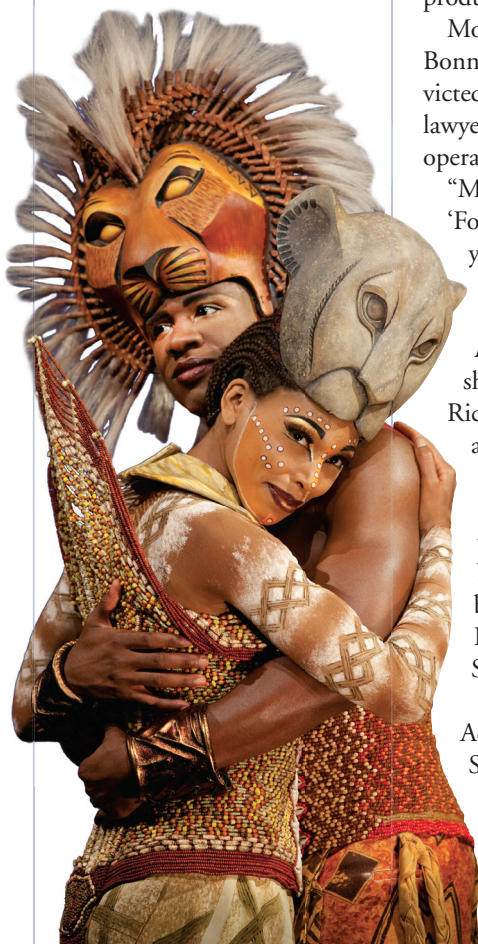
Lawson helped Mike Liedtka, '11, become a government affairs intern in Ford's Washington office, where he researched issues and legislators, developed databases of legislation, and attended hearings on Capitol Hill.

"The internship represented exactly what I wanted to accomplish last summer," says Liedtka, who is majoring in political science. "I really wanted experience with a government relations group or lobbying firm."

Liedtka found the internship through the University's D.C. Initiative, which connects eligible students with summer internships offered by alumni and other friends of the University. The program also offers career development seminars and networking events with alumni in the D.C. area.

"With so many Richmond alumni living in the Washington, D.C. area, we thought an internship in our office would provide a great opportunity for a current student to learn about our industry while also developing relationships with the extensive network of Spider alumni," Lawson recalls.

To learn how you can help Richmond students find jobs and internships, call (800) 480-4774, option 8.



BENEFITS

CDC now aligned with alumni office

Richmond's Career Development Center has been aligned with the Office of Alumni Relations to create the Office of Alumni and Career Services under the direction of Assistant Vice President Kristin Woods.

The University aligned the two offices to enhance their ability to connect students and alumni for career development purposes. The new office will build on the rich experiences of Richmond alumni to create more opportunities for students and foster lifelong relationships with the University. Programs and services also will promote greater alumni engagement and opportunities for Spiders to connect with each other.

"In the current economic climate, this collaboration is more important than ever," says President Edward Ayers. "The University is committed, through *The Richmond Promise*, to increasing internship opportunities available to students. These opportunities are essential to our students' complete learning experience and will help them successfully compete for positions after graduation."

Career development services will continue to be available to both students and alumni. One example is the UR Career Network,

which allows students, alumni, and other members of the UR community to connect with each other online.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Career Services at (800) 480-4774, option 8.

STAFF

Belmonte promoted to project manager

The Office of Alumni and Career Services has promoted Paula Belmonte to project manager. She previously served as employer relations coordinator.

In her new position, Belmonte will design and implement recruiting and networking events, including industry-specific career expos. She also will work to enhance and expand the University's relationships with organizations recruiting students for internships and jobs.

Belmonte co-chairs the University's Hispanic Latino Heritage Month and serves on the University's Hispanic Support Network.



Belmonte



Connect with classmates

Reunion Weekend 2011

June 3–5, 2011

If your class year ends in a 1 or 6, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in June.

Homecoming 2011

Oct. 21–23, 2011

Homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football in the new stadium, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2011, and a young grad reunion for classes 2002–11.

Regional Events

Year-Round

For information about alumni events in your area, visit UOnline.net and click on "Regional Alumni Chapters" or call the alumni office at the number below.

UOnline.net

Anytime

This password-protected website connects alumni to the University and each other. UOnline.net carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association, and it allows alumni to search an online alumni directory. It also provides online registration for alumni events and permanent email forwarding.

Contact Information

For more information about alumni events—including regional events—visit UOnline.net or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu.

HOMECOMING



Jim Mallory, R'82, tends the ultimate tailgate grill with his son, Ryan Mallory, '12, and Holly Wetzel.

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WEEKEND 2010

From the left, Michael and Lin Koch, C'03, attend the Volunteer Summit with Alice Campbell, C'01, Cynthia Johnson, C'02, and Patricia Gallagher, C'97.



Sean Casey, '95, (left) chats with URAA President Tracey Holgren Ivey, B'82, and University President Edward Ayers before receiving the URAA's Award for Distinguished Service.



Rick Naschold, B'75, and Lisa Gray, '93, strike up a conversation at the Volunteer Summit.



From the left, Linda Morgan Lemmon, W'60, and Bob Lemmon, R'60, enjoy the pregame picnic with their daughter, Paige Lemmon Martin, W'87, and her children, Anders, Perry, and Bailey.



Dean Nancy Bagranoff and University President Edward Ayers welcomed a large crowd of alumni to the Robins School breakfast.



From the left, Tasha Baah, '11, Ed Gates, C'02, and Marilyn Branch-Mitchell, W'78, enjoy the Black Student Alliance and Black Alumni Network reception.



Family and friends of football players Donte Boston, '11, Tre Gray, '11, and Max Prokell, '11, throw a big tailgate party before the game.



Jane Wray Bristow McDorman, W'45, (left) and Judy Cyrus Johnson, W'60, show their school spirit at the School of Arts & Sciences breakfast.



A group of enthusiastic Spiders enjoy the young grad reunion after the game.



Adjunct Arabic instructor Dalya Al-Hasani (left) enjoys the Friday night bonfire with one of her students, Lydia Morton, '13.





CLASS CONNECTIONS

Submissions

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu, fax it to (804) 287-1221 or mail it to: Class Connections Alumni Relations Office Jepson Alumni Center University of Richmond, VA 23173

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The magazine uses W, B, C, or R to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year is used. We continue to use abbreviations for alumni with law, graduate, or honorary degrees regardless of their year of graduation.

Key

- B** Robins School of Business
- C** School of Continuing Studies
- G** Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- GC** Graduate School of Continuing Studies
- GB** Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of Business
- H** Honorary Degree
- L** School of Law
- R** Richmond College
- W** Westhampton College

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CLASS OF '41

Reunion Reminder June 3-5, 2011

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Greetings to my classmates. I have not heard a word from any of you and hope you have been away on vacation, visiting family and friends.

Our 70-year reunion is next spring and time is getting short. Will a few of you volunteer to take charge of planning our reunion? Please let me know.

I had the pleasure of having lunch with Westhampton student Erica Ellermeyer, '12, and her mother, **Lynn Heiber Ellermeyer, B'84**, here at Cedarfield. We had a delightful time. They look more like sisters than mother and daughter. I wish all of you could have been with us. Erica is a junior in the business school. She says our scholarship has had an immeasurable impact on her, and she thanks each of you for this gift. Actually, it is her hard work and gifts of her own that made this award possible. It is gifts from each of you to this fund that continue to be needed and welcomed. So ... "gift" is the word!

I am anxious to hear from you.

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CLASS OF '42

I had a long talk with **Eunice Bass Browning's** daughter, Sharon. Eunice had been ill but was finally and happily settled at HeartFields in Richmond, where she enjoys reading, concerts, bingo, and new friends. Eunice also has a son and three grandchildren.

Ethne Flanagan Higginbotham continues her interest in many activities through the local community college. She especially enjoys her book club. She was looking forward to attending her grandson's wedding in Newport, R.I., in the fall.

Helene Weinfeld Shapiro's son reported that she had just returned home from a long stay in a nursing home. We trust she has fully recovered her strength by now.

Florine Mahone Palmer and her husband, Charlie, are very happy at

their assisted living center. Although they miss the frequent trips they used to take, they enjoy hearing about various travels made by family members. They have five great-grandchildren. Florine taught school for 45 years and appreciates the time she spent at Westhampton.

Mildred Slavin Cordish is able to continue living in her home of 42 years with the help of one of her sons who lives with her. Mildred plays bridge regularly and was delighted to begin learning how to work with charcoal, oils, and watercolors.

Jayne Maire Massie informed me that our class scholarship was awarded again to Westhampton student Lindsay Rumer, who is a senior. After recovering from a broken arm, Jayne was dealing with other health problems when we spoke, but she sounded happy and busy. Her animals continue to be a great joy to her. One of her grandsons is studying engineering and expects to work after graduation for the same company his grandfather worked for many years ago.

LaVerne Priddy Muse was still driving and looking forward to seeing some football games on campus this fall. We shared our frustration at working our way slowly through papers and other items that we no longer need.

I hope you, too, are trying to keep in touch with our classmates. Let me know if you need an address.

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CLASS OF '45

Virginia Nicholas Sanders is the immediate past president of the National Storytellers League and works with the youth division at First Baptist Church, where she has been the costume mistress for the teen Christmas pageant for 45 years.

Ann Clark Howe was unable to attend our reunion last spring because her husband had been ill. Charles passed away Aug. 10, and we send our deepest condolences to her and to her children. Ann had surgery on her foot and shoulder but is still involved with art and is a member of the gallery of local artists in Raleigh, N.C. She also continues her involvement in church and politics.

Elizabeth Parker Cone celebrated a birthday with a barbeque at her home hosted by her children. **Wanda Walton Pace** and **Nancy Lazenby Stables** joined in the fun.

We were all saddened by the news that Nancy died Aug. 25 of respiratory failure. She is survived by her 99-year-old sister, one daughter, three sons, and six grandchildren. Donations in her memory may be made to the May Keller Scholarship Fund at the University. These can be mailed to University of Richmond Alumni Relations, 28 Westhampton Way, University of Richmond, VA 23173.

Natalie Heller Barnicle, who typed this newsletter, remembered Nancy as a longtime loyal Westhampton College alumna and as a "mover and a shaker" for our 65-year reunion, during which she had a meeting on campus and a dinner for all of us who live at Cedarfield.

Natalie entered her 52nd quilt in the Maryland State Fair this year. She says that while she doesn't always get ribbons, her eyes and fingers are in good shape. She and John play duplicate bridge a couple of times a week. They have great memories from the 10 years they taught bridge on the Cunard Cruise Line.

Jane Wray Bristow McDorman had a bout with shingles but is better now. She enjoyed two family reunions this year and celebrated the birth of a great-grandson.

Audrey Grubin Fixell and her husband, Les, are extensive travelers and have been to many countries. They have an apartment in Manhattan, where they spend their weekends and visit their children, and a home in East Meadow, Long Island. Audrey is a trustee on the local library board.

Schenectady, N.Y., resident **Alma Rosenbaum Hurwitz** has given up tap dancing and skiing, but she is doing other things now, such as dog sled riding in Alaska, visiting family in California and at Lake George, N.Y., and volunteering at GE Energy, which was called General Electric when she worked there.

Glady's Loudon Metz was delighted to attend our class reunion in April. She had a great vacation last summer on Ocracoke Island, N.C.

I returned late in the summer from a cruise from New York City to Toronto via the Hudson River, Erie Canal, Mohawk River, and Lake Ontario. It was a wonderful trip.

I hope many of you read about our class reunion in my letter in the fall issue of the alumni magazine. If you would like a photo of the event, let me know. Send me news for the next magazine by Feb. 1.

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CLASS OF '46

Reunion Reminder

June 3-5, 2011

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CLASS OF '47

LaVinia Watson Reilly traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, to attend the wedding of her daughter-in-law's sister. It was a grand celebration that lasted two days. She was back in Virginia in September to check on her family home in Hampton.

Nancy Richardson Elliott continues to write and is doing research at the Virginia Baptist Historical Society at the University of Richmond. She and her family enjoyed a week last summer at their river home in Reedville, Va.

Helen Cole Richardson and her husband, **Straughan Richardson Jr., R'46**, enjoyed a summer visit with extended family at their river home.

Marion Collier Miller, W and G'66, had a great family vacation at the beach last summer.

Gin Ellett continues to be active at Cedarfield and keeps the Richmond lunch bunch going. The group meets once a month to catch up.

Lena Thornton Small comes from Suffolk, Va., each month to the lunch bunch. If any of you are in her area, contact her for a possible ride. We would like to increase the group's numbers.

Dick and I attended the wedding of our oldest granddaughter in Greenville, S.C. The wedding date was also Dick's birthday, so all the guests enjoyed the Virginia Tech "Hokie Pokey." All family members attended.



Then and Now

In the photo above by Ken Gassman, B'67, a Burns security guard confers with Jefferson Clarke, the University's superintendent of buildings and grounds, in 1965. The public safety function on campus has developed from a few contract security guards to a nationally accredited police force of 42 people, including 19 sworn officers. In the photo below, one of those officers, Angela Combs, does her part to discourage speeding.



Our sympathy goes to the family of **Ann Wiley Kelly**, who passed away Feb. 3, 2010. Ann was an educator and school librarian until her retirement, when she became an active volunteer in Yorktown, Va.

Please remember to write!

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Stanley Schoenbaum, R, was recognized with the Professional Advisor Award from the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. He is a partner in the law firm of Schoenbaum, Curphy & Scanlan in San Antonio, Texas, where he has practiced tax for 52 years.

CLASS OF '48

I hope many of you had the opportunity to come to campus for our reunion in April. I attended the Boatwright Dinner on Friday, and on Saturday I joined **Jean Brumsey Biscoe** for the Westhampton Center dedication, although we will always probably think of it as "the Deanery."

The design and changes to the building for meetings and conferences are wonderfully integrated and appropriate to the era. The museum spaces highlighting Miss Keller's life are delightful, and there are many artifacts to create changing exhibits of interest. A visit to the Modlin Center and the picnic on Westhampton Green, with my two pups in tow, completed the day.

On Sunday of Reunion Weekend, I attended the memorial service for alumni and enjoyed breakfast afterward in the formerly faculty-only dining room at the Heilman Dining Center. (The Chapel Guild generously supplied the breakfast.) Students are now encouraged to use the faculty dining room and to interact with faculty, which is quite a departure from our day. I sat with a young man who was a senior from Danville, Va. He was totally at home in the world of conversation on any issue and was as impressive as any about-to-graduate person could be!

Sadly, **John Butterworth III, R**, left us April 8. His funeral at River Road Presbyterian Church was overflowing with family, friends, former patients, and admirers of all ages,



CLASS CONNECTIONS

including **William Magee, R**, **Jean Brumsey Biscoe**, **Walter Hyer, R'49**, and **Thomas Pollard Jr., R'53**, the former dean of admissions at UR, whom I had known for years as a counselor in West Hartford, Conn.

John's wife, **Betty Hickerson Butterworth**, received guests after the service. There were many members of the Deep Run Hunt Club there in support of **Elizabeth Butterworth Stutts, L'89**. Betty and John's equestrian daughter and my dear friend.

On May 9, I was back on campus to attend graduation, but 3,000 others got there before I did. With some "aggression" on my part, I not only found shade, but a seat beside the delightful Betty Heilman and her family. The ceremonies were beautiful and memorable.

Betty Hickerson Butterworth, **Jean Brumsey Biscoe**, **Mary Cross Marshall**, and I ventured to the Boars Head Inn in late May to meet **Suzanne Lovern Peeler** and **Frances Orrell Lineberry** for a lovely lunch.

In June, I attended the black-tie celebration of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation's Monticello Cabinet retreat, and it was spectacular. The new visitors' center is open and you must go see "The New Perspectives on Life at Monticello." The interpretation of Jefferson's dining room, now painted in scientifically researched chrome yellow, is absolutely smashing.

Have you heard of "Backstory With the American History Guys," a new public radio program? Dr. Peter Onuf, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor of History at the University of Virginia is the 18th century guy; our own Dr. Edward Ayers, president of the University of Richmond, is the 19th century guy; and Dr. Brian Balogh, professor of history at the University of Virginia, is the 20th century guy. Their interaction with each other, with call-ins, and with notable guests is wonderful. Check their website at backstoryradio.org.

Reid Spencer, R and L'51, died June 13. My late husband, **Bob Kilpatrick, R and G'79**, **Bill Magee, R**, and Reid had a close friendship through the years. Reid was my daughter Kathleen's godfather and was a special inspiration to us. I was unable to attend the celebration of his life at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club because I was recovering from minor surgery.

Judy Barnett Seelhorst was profiled in the fall 2009 issue of

Radiations magazine, which is published by Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society. (You can find this at sigmapisigma.org.) Judy has demonstrated the "fun things" Dr. Loving used in his lectures to many children since she retired. I'm sure Dr. Loving would be as proud as we are.

My grandson, Brock, was redeployed to Afghanistan last summer and was due back to the states in November. Allie graduated from college and plans to attend graduate school, and Gunner Lee is as cute as can be.

Please send me your news.
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CLASS OF '50

I joined a number of our classmates Aug. 12 for lunch at the Heilman Dining Center on campus. Those present were **Margaret Alexander Anderson**, **Barbara White Balderson**, **Janice Brandenburg Halloran**, **Mary Howard Holloway**, **Audrey Lynn Jones**, **Gene Hart Joyner**, **Maryanne Bugg Lambert**, **Jean Tinsley Martin**, **Marjorie Parson Owen**, **Gatewood Holland Stoneman**, and **Virginia Sims, W'49**. We had a delightful time and wished more of our classmates could have been there.

Last spring **Mary Howard Holloway** enjoyed a cruise to Bermuda with her sister. She had the pleasure of seeing several of her former students on the ship.

Gene Hart Joyner attended her granddaughter's graduation from Virginia Tech in May. Gene has a great-granddaughter who was born in November 2008, but she doesn't get to see her often enough because she lives in Wilmington, N.C.

Gatewood Holland Stoneman's granddaughter Renee, who also graduated from Virginia Tech in May, is working on her master's degree in agribusiness at Kansas State.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert heard from **Penny Wilks Fitzgerald**, who said that she and Earl are fine even though they were unable to attend the reunion.

Janice Brandenburg Halloran's family came to the "riah" for a reunion this summer.

Marjorie Parson Owen enjoyed a trip to Lancaster, Pa., with her Senior Circle Group to see a production of *Joseph at Sight & Sound* Theatres. They also had fun shopping and sightseeing. In July, her family had a weeklong reunion at Virginia Beach. Marjorie looked forward to attending UR football games in the fall.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Frannie Sutton Oliver** and her husband, Ray, on the death of their son, Raymond Jr., in early August. We also offer our sympathy to the family of **Christine Coats Sanders**, who died Aug. 9.

Please keep your news coming, and I will continue writing! It would be great to hear from every one of you.
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CLASS OF '51

Reunion Reminder
June 3-5, 2011

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Gwen Priddy Donohue and her sister, **Beverly Priddy Derr, W'54**, and Gwen's two daughters flew from New Jersey to Venice, Italy, where they began a cruise of the Greek islands. Their trip included stops in Venice, Florence, and Rome. They had a wonderful time.

Bobby Lee Brown Yagel celebrated her 80th birthday in Topsail, N.C., with 13 members of her family for a week of fun and feasting. Bobby was surprised to learn from her publisher that a Bible study workbook she wrote in 1992 has been republished in several languages.

Helen Clark Hensley and her husband, **Dick Hensley, R**, were in Florida in June to attend their oldest granddaughter's wedding. All four of their children were there, including **Mary Helen**, who lives in Ireland.

In July, Helen and Dick had a visit with **Firmon Hardenbergh**, husband of the late **Jane Slaughter Hardenbergh**. **Paula Abernethy Kelton** and John also visited with Firmon.

Charlotte Herrink Sayre sold her condominium in June and moved to Westminster Canterbury, where she

enjoys being with **Betsy Bethune Langhorne**, **Lea Thompson Osburn**, **Maryglyn Cooper McGraw**, and **Jean Love Hanson**.

Last summer **Lea Thompson Osburn** spent a week at the Jersey shore, and **Jean Love Hanson** spent a wonderful week in Atlanta visiting her daughter, Page.

My husband, **Bob Coppock, L'67**, and I were in Denver in June enjoying the grandchildren and four feet of snow in the higher mountains.

Please remember that our reunion is in June and we will need a new class secretary. Any volunteers?

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CLASS OF '53

Mary Kathryn Manuel Clark, W, is the author of a memoir, *In the Morning ... Joy*, published in 2010. She lives in Winchester, Va., where she has been a licensed professional counselor for more than 20 years.

CLASS OF '54

Ann Hanbury Callis has written a pictorial history of the north end of Virginia Beach, where she lives. She hopes to have the book on the market this spring. Last summer Ann visited friends in Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

Cos Washburn Barnes traveled to Northern Ireland in August. She continues to write columns and book reviews for local magazines.

Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum, W and G'73, says that her daughter's home in Richmond was destroyed by fire in July. Her daughter and family are all right, but they lost nearly everything. Claire helped them get settled in an apartment, where they are staying until they can rebuild. Claire's grandson Lucien started college in the fall.

There are about 15 Westhampton alumnae living here at Cedarfield. Class graduation dates range from 1938 to 1964. Some of us have dinner together once a month.

Please send news about yourself and your classmates by Feb. 20.
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CLASS OF '55

As a 55th anniversary gift to themselves, **Mariah Chisholm Hasker** and her husband, Bill, had a delightful get-together with their three children and six granddaughters (ranging in age from 4 to 14) at their oldest son's home in California. It was the first time in two years they had all been together.

Gail Tench Miller and a friend are planning a Panama Canal cruise in January.

Alice McCarty Haggerty went to Santa Fe, N.M., in September to attend the annual meeting of the Folk Art Society of America, the organization founded by **Ann Peery Oppenheimer, W'56**, and her husband, Bill.

The Richmond-area Westhampton girls met for lunch in August at Skilligalee Restaurant. **Alice McCarty Haggerty, Barbara Turner Willis, Burrell Williams Stultz, Carolyn Neale Lindsey, Emily Menefee Johnston, Jean Ruddle Migneault, Joy Winstead, Shirlee Garrett Maxson, Bobbie Reynolds Wyker, W and G'76**, and I attended.

Bobbie and her husband took their annual trip to Chincoteague, Va., last summer. This is the sixth year they have taken their horse-loving granddaughter to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and she was thrilled to ride a Chincoteague pony. **Polly Bundick Dize**, her husband, and three of her seven grandchildren visited with them at a Chincoteague pony show. Two of Polly's granddaughters demonstrated their riding skills in the show.

Emily Menefee Johnston and Bill attended his 390th Bomb Group Reunion in Norfolk, Va. Their four children joined them.

Ethel "Smitty" Smith Amacher is still disappointed that she was unable to attend our reunion. Last spring she was suddenly immobilized with a neck and shoulder condition that didn't get better until August. She and her rat hole roomie, **Patricia Minor Hoover**, planned a fall get-together in Charlottesville, Va.

Jean Williams Lumsden and her husband, Ernie, play bridge and have a monthly dinner group of 10 friends and neighbors who have been together for more than 30 years.

Grace Phillips Webb's granddaughter, Marqui Grace, went to summer field hockey camp at UR. Grace is doing everything she can to influ-



Hurricane Nancy

Nancy Ayers Creech, W'52

At age 79, Nancy Ayers Creech has many things on her mind, but retirement is not one of them.

"I'm healthy, I have a lot of energy, and I love what I'm doing," says Creech, president of Virginia Beach Events Unlimited. "Why should I stop? I'd go stir crazy if I stayed home."

Virginia Beach Events Unlimited is a nonprofit organization that produces events year-round for the city, including the Neptune Festival, which attracts 500,000 people to the boardwalk each year.

A few days before this year's festival, Creech reviewed a list of what she had done and still needed to do—including contingency plans for a hurricane. She apologized for talking so quickly. "I can speak 100 words a minute with gusts to 240," she said with a laugh. "You've got to talk fast if you're going to get everything done."

Creech moved from Staunton to Virginia Beach as a young child and has seen Virginia Beach grow from a small oceanfront community into a major resort destination. In fact, she has helped bring about that transformation. Over the years, she has expanded and sold her family's insulation business, volunteered with numerous community organizations, and served on city council.

While working with the chamber of commerce, she became involved in the Neptune Festival and helped keep it afloat during its early development. She chaired the event and later became president of Virginia Beach Events Unlimited when it spun off from the chamber.

"If you live and earn your living in an area, you have an obligation to give something back," says Creech, a widow whose three children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren all live in the Virginia Beach area. "If you want your city to be economically viable ... then you have to help make it that way."

—Bill Lohmann, R'79

ence Marqui to go to Westhampton when she finishes high school. She would love to have a fourth-generation legacy!

Peggy Hall Flippen has been writing to a Westhampton classmate from our freshman and sophomore years, **Miriam Thurston Butt**. She spent five months at her father's former home in a small village in Nova Scotia, and she enjoys visits from her children and grandchildren.

Mary Ida Nelson Bolton missed seeing everyone at the reunion. She was unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts. She and Howard spend about two weeks each month at Myrtle Beach.

Ann Pettit Getts was in Ashland, Va., in June to visit her son, so seven of us met her for lunch. Joining us were **Jody Weaver Yuhase, Joy Winstead, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Barbara Turner Willis, and Emily Menefee Johnston**. Ann lives in Concord, N.H., and enjoys teaching, mission work, and giving AARP tax assistance.

Myra Embrey Wormald and her family gathered for their annual beach week on the Outer Banks of North Carolina last summer. At the end of July, Myra and Bob took three of their grandchildren to Hawaii. They have a tradition of taking their grandchildren on special trips and have done so for 13 of their 17 grandchildren. One of their grandsons is a freshman at the University of Richmond with a full scholarship. He is majoring in science, as Myra did.

Marty Glenn Taylor has written *The River Me*, a memoir about growing up in Morattico, Va., in the 1930s and 1940s. If you would like to know more about the book, email moratticowaterfrontmuseum@yahoo.com.

Our seventh grandson, Ryan Cuervo Lee White, was born June 28; our oldest grandson, Robert Douglas White Jr., was married June 5; and our fourth grandson, Logan Jacob Smith, graduated from Atlee High School in June. We had a busy summer.

Incidentally, **Pat Minor Hoover** is still living near Charlottesville, Va. She didn't move to Florida.

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Reunion Reminder June 3-5, 2011

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Our 55-year reunion will be held in June 2011. A luncheon has been scheduled at the new Westhampton Center on Friday, June 3. We're hoping to see all of you!

Mary Mullin Mowery is a member of the Virginia chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Earlier in the year, she joined her daughter and family from Houston for a Hawaiian cruise, and in June she attended her granddaughter's high-school graduation in northern Virginia.

In August **Jan Hogge Atkins** went to the Outer Banks of North Carolina for her annual family vacation. All of her family was there, with the exception of one granddaughter, who is finishing a teaching degree at the University of Northern Colorado. Jan's sister's and brother's families also were there.

Edna Wagstaff Warncke, her sister **Virginia Wagstaff**, W'47, and two friends went on a cruise from Harwich, England, to Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, and Russia. They especially enjoyed two lovely days in St. Petersburg, where they attended an opera performance.

Ellice Simmonds Smart went to Washington, D.C., this summer with her 13-year-old grandson, who read almost every word in three Smithsonian museums. They visited both houses of Congress, which were in session, as well as the spy museum and the Library of Congress. Congratulations to Ellice, whose children's book, *Whiskers*, has been published and is available at ellicessmart.com. It is appropriate for any child under six and is based on her own cat.

In August **Marilyn Sorce Klump** and her three sisters and their spouses traveled to the Chicago suburbs to a family reunion. They spent time with people they had not seen since they were all children in the 1940s.

Ann Carol Yeaman Malcolm is closing her Wee Home Shoppe, where she sold miniatures. A new sunroom/studio has been added to her farmhouse and will be a perfect place to keep creating.

Fay White Chilton and her husband, **Charlie Chilton**, R'57, enjoyed a recent trip to Hawaii to attend the Baptist World Congress. Fay said it was an inspiration to be part of such a large multicultural gathering and to experience the beauty of the island of Oahu.

Even northern Vermont was suffering from the summer heat when **Janet Knobel Jones** visited in July. It was much cooler on Rainbow Lake in the Adirondacks, which she says is beautiful.

Rose Dranchak Martin's mother turned 100 in March. Although the nursing home where her mother lives takes good care of her, Rose still stays close to home. She enjoyed time with grandchildren last summer. Her grandson went on a mission trip to Brazil in July and her granddaughter entered VCU this fall.

her husband, Dee, took a cruise to Bermuda in June. They were accompanied by two of their granddaughters, **Rebecca Nicholls Louick**, '01, and Elizabeth Nicholls, a fine arts graduate of VCU. Rebecca's husband, **Jonathan Louick**, '99, also traveled with them.

Helen Crittenden Culbertson and Wayne had a delightful four-week cruise crossing the Atlantic from Miami and visiting Spain, Portugal, and many places on the Mediterranean Sea. Their daughter Jennifer, a Navy doctor, was recently deployed for a year to Diego Garcia, an island in the Indian Ocean used for staging U.S. troops. Helen and Wayne are very nice to let me stay with them whenever I need to be in King George County, Va. I visited them last summer.

In June I took a two-week cruise/tour to Alaska with my 14-year-old

at the Rappahannock Art League in Kilmarnock, Va., for wine and cheese and invited husbands to join them. In September they met at the home of **Mary Alice Revere Woerner**, W'58, and her husband, Charles.

The group has grown to more than 40 women, including some alumnae from the Richmond area. **Phyllis Lewis Neal** and **Lovey Jane Long** are the only ones from the Class of '57. Augusta Chapman Bunting, our beloved gym teacher, comes, too. The group communicates by email. Anyone who would like to be included may contact Lovey at loveyjlong@verizon.net.

Jennie Sue Johnson Murdock had lunch in July with Nancy Denton from the University's development office. Jennie Sue was delighted to see pictures of the Westhampton Center and to hear about all the updates on campus. She is impressed with the amount of financial assistance that is provided for students. Jennie Sue was involved in the Roanoke Valley's largest used book sale in September. She is in charge of a free book program that benefits approximately 40 nonprofit organizations in the area. In October she traveled to Vacaville, Calif., to visit two nieces, five great-nieces, and one great-nephew. Her sister from Oregon joined her.

Lee Feild Griffiths' 11th grandchild, Broden Feild Hartsell, arrived June 18. Despite arriving six weeks early, he is healthy and beautiful. His big sister and brother adore him.

I asked classmates to write about one of their favorite things. **Pat Harper Winston** accommodated me by writing that she likes classical music. She was listening to Mahler's Third Symphony on the radio as she wrote.

Mary Garland Cox Johnston sent me a clipping of an interesting article on the University of Richmond's involvement in the local community that appeared in the Aug. 1 *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Lucy Burnett Garmon, W and G'60, enjoys finding things she had forgotten about that bring back good memories when she sees them again. She wrote that she was recently digging in the back of a drawer where she keeps seldom-used little boxes. She opened one and found her big-little sister pin (the one in the shape of an "O" for "odds" with '55 on one side and '57 on the other). Lucy put it on and wore it all day.

Did you know?

Members of the swimming and diving team are teaching children from Richmond's inner city how to swim. Read more on page 2.

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Albert Colton Limbrick**, R'55, who died July 14.

During the first week in August **Julia Hubbard Nixon** and her sister drove a truck filled with tools to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota for River Road Church, Baptist. More than 200 people did medical screening, conducted vacation Bible school-type activities, shared items made and donated by many people, served lunch and dinner, and did a variety of repair and paint jobs.

In June **Betty Brinkley Hayward** visited her sister, Grace, and her family in Ocean Isle, N.C. In August her son, David, and daughter Jane came for a visit.

Ann Peery Oppenheimer had an aortic valve replacement in July. At summer's end she was home, working to regain her strength. Elected in July to the Tazewell High School Hall of Fame, Ann is the first person in the class of 1952 to be chosen for this honor.

Helen Melton Lukhard and

granddaughter, Jennie. It was a wonderful trip for both of us. Thank you for sending news.

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CLASS OF '57

A growing group of Westhampton alumnae who live in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia get together quarterly, usually for lunch. They enjoy each other's company and find it nice to get to know others who were in school before or after them. Women from the Class of 1948 through the Class of 1980 attend the gatherings, and the only agenda item is to plan the next party. In June the group gathered

One of my favorite things is participating in "Great Decisions" discussions sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. For the past year, I have been co-leading these discussions at our local library. The eight topics for 2010 are special envoys, Kenya and the responsibility to protect, transnational crime, China, the global financial crisis, Russia and its neighbors, the Persian Gulf, and peace building. If you are interested in participating in a group or starting a group, follow links from fpa.org.

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Gerald Vaughn, R, was inducted into the USA Track & Field Masters Hall of Fame in 2009 for his numerous world and American shot put records. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

CLASS OF '58

William Abernathy, R, and his wife, Sandra, live in Spring River Christian Village in Joplin, Mo., where they are active volunteers in the community. Bill is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease.

Paul Schueller, R, and his wife, Paula, traveled to Egypt and Israel last year. Their three-week trip included a cruise on the Nile River, a visit to the Dead Sea, and two days at a kibbutz in the Golan Heights. They live in White Plains, N.Y.

CLASS OF '59

Jo Edwards Mierke and her husband, **George "Edward" Mierke Jr., R'60**, vacationed in Ocean City, Md., and Assateague Island National Seashore last summer with their son, Ken, and his girlfriend. They went to Atlanta for Labor Day weekend to see Ed's sister and then to Royston, Ga., to celebrate Jo's cousin's 75th birthday with family and friends.

Margaret Griffin Thompson and Art went on the trip of a lifetime last summer. They flew to Budapest, Hungary, and boarded a river cruise up the Danube. Each morning after breakfast they boarded a bus to see the sights. They stopped in many places, including Melk, Austria, where they saw a Benedictine monastery dating to 1089. They also visited the village of

Oberammergau, Germany, where they stayed in private homes and had terrific seats for the *Passion Play*, which is performed every 10 years. Next they flew to Paris and spent three days touring on their own. They then joined a small tour of World War battlefields, beaches, cemeteries, and monuments.

Barbara Dulin Polis enjoyed a family vacation in June at Tyler Place Family Resort in Vermont.

Mary Ann Williams Haske enjoyed a visit with Owen, her 2-year-old grandson from Shanghai. They sang and played the piano together. When he finished singing a song, he would say "again" and sing it in Chinese. The rest of Mary Ann's gang also visited.

Eileen Cordle Harris and Ed had a wonderful trip to Israel in June. Eileen had gone there in 1998, but it was Ed's first trip. He took about 450 pictures along the way.

Becky Keller Ottinger traveled to Athens and the Greek Isles in May. The rest of the summer, however, was a bit trying. On July 4 she thought she had put her car in park, but it ran over her left foot. Nevertheless, she enjoyed summer visits from two nieces and their families and a slower-than-normal pace. She stays busy with volunteer work.

I spent a week in Nags Head, N.C., this summer with two friends from Richmond and a friend from Beaufort, N.C. It was nice renewing friendships with people we have known from Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Illinois.

Please send me your news.

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CLASS OF '61

Reunion Reminder
June 3-5, 2011

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Two or three times a year, **Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn, W and G'97**, and **Joyce Smith Allison and Ed Allison, R; Paddy Dozier Mudd; Betty Wade Blanton Jones and Jerry Jones, L'65**; and my husband and I get together and cel-

ebate our friendships. We scheduled a trip together in November.

I hope that many of you will plan to attend our 50-year reunion, which is coming in June. In the meantime, please send me your news to share with our classmates.

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Joyce Smith Allison and Ed Allison, B, will serve as co-chairs of the reunion committee for the Class of 1961.

Barbara Ross Cobb lives in Wayne, Pa., near her two daughters and grandchildren. Barbara works as a certified public accountant. Last year she traveled to Greece and Egypt.

Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn, W and G'97, and her husband, Jim, spent most of the summer in Maine, where they enjoyed visits from their sons and grandchildren.

Cindi Deatelhauser Foltz Nash and her husband, Reggie, have been married for 25 years and have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They live on the James River in Richmond. They are classic car enthusiasts and travel regularly to car shows around the country. Reggie works for the family business, and Cindi enjoys gardening, swimming, bowling, and being with family and friends. Her son lives in Atlanta and her daughters live in nearby Hanover County, Va., and Lake Anna, Va.

Sally Magruder Rawls has been volunteering at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond since her retirement from teaching.

Suzanne Foster Thomas, W, and **William Thomas, L'63**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year, and **Suzanne DuPuy Black, W**, **Donald Black, R'62**, and **Gwynn Barefoot Litchfield, W and G'76**, attended the celebration. Suzanne and Bill live on a farm northeast of Richmond. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Ginny Needham Whitfield retired as an Army civilian from the federal government in 2009 and relocated to Morehead City, N.C., where her daughter, Paula, lives. She and her family attended the September wedding of son Jim's daughter in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

CLASS OF '62

Nancy Byrd Vaughan Downey and Pete spend a lot of time in Charleston, S.C., where their son has started a private cruise business, Capt. Byrd's Tours. They have two grandchildren, a 4-year-old and an infant who both live in Richmond. So Nancy and Pete get to spoil them.

Barbara Harrell Holdren has been trying to heal her Achilles tendon, which "ripped off the bone" in February. In June she and Jim traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, where Jim was presented with the National High School Coach of the Year Award. Barbara enjoys knitting, volunteer work, woman's club, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren. She also plays bridge with **Nancy James Buhl** and **Em St. Clair Key**.

Aretie Gallins Patterson is enjoying retirement. She and her husband took a 32-day cross-country trip last summer. They drove up the California coast into Washington state, stopping in San Francisco to pick up their daughter, who flew in from Manhattan for the three-week trip back East. Along the way, they visited many exciting places and enjoyed hiking and whitewater rafting.

In April **Judith Acree Hansen** and Dick enjoyed a trip to the Texas hill country to see the wildflowers in bloom. They also visited San Antonio, Austin, and Fredericksburg. The couple has a new granddaughter, born in August to their son, **Carter Hansen, '93**, and his wife, Nicky. Little Eleanor joins big sister Lillian, 2, and brother Sullivan, 1. Judy is part of the "Porch Bunch," which met this summer at the home of **Julie Perkinson Crews** for its annual luncheon. Also in attendance were **Jane Thompson Kemper, Robin Cramme Perks, Diane Light Riffer**, and **Kitty Borum Fitzhugh**. The group was able to visit with **Judith Trunzo** via Skype.

Diane Light Riffer enjoyed a three-week journey last spring through England and into Scotland. Six weeks after returning, she took a river cruise on the Danube in eastern Europe.

Camille "Toni" Cousins Ewell still enjoys her retirement business teaching contractor classes in Virginia Beach and Richmond. Her daughter, Brooke, is a registered nurse at VCU, where she works with new mothers and babies.



CLASS CONNECTIONS

Emma, her granddaughter, is glad her mother's homework is over so she can spend more time with her. Toni's son, Hunter, is in a master's degree program in education at VCU. Her son Lyon manages two Wild Birds Unlimited stores in Richmond, and Lyon's wife, Susan, is working on a master's degree in public administration.

Pamela Koch Fay-Williams and Gary enjoy living in Ashland, Va. Gary is an avid cross-country cyclist and Ashland is a convenient home base. Pam says she hopes to see many familiar Westhampton faces in the future.

Sylvia Brown Pond and Dick Pond, R'61, were stranded for three days last March after spending 33 days in the Bahamas. They were unable to get across the Gulf Stream because of problems with their boat. They had a great time and met people from all over, but they were glad to finally be home.

Bess Burrus Brooks and John Brooks, R'56, took a tour in June that included a cruise to various Baltic capitals, as well as to St. Petersburg, Russia, and London. After returning to the United States, they took their two oldest grandsons from New Jersey on a two-week tour of Jamestown and Williamsburg, Va.

I have read **Libby Wampler Jarrett's** new novel, *Clara Belle, A Novel Approach*, which you all would enjoy. If you would like to contact Libby so that you can get a copy, let me know and I'll send her contact information to you. If you would like to be on the planning committee for our 50th reunion, Libby is the one to contact as well! She wants us to know that planning for this event will begin soon, as well as planning for our class reunion gift. Any gifts you make to the annual fund at UR can be designated for "Class of 1962 50th Reunion."

Bill and I have been busy in the vineyard and enjoyed visits from our grandchildren last summer. Please note my new email address below. If your email has changed or if you have moved, please let me know! Our next deadline is Feb. 1, 2011.

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CLASS OF '63

Grace Phelps Rhinesmith has been busy since retiring from teaching history in Hanover County Public Schools for 22 years and teaching history at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Va., for 20 years. A founder and longtime member of the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula, Grace serves as the club's president. She also is a trustee of the Pamunkey Regional Library, representing King and Queen County, Va. She is active in her local Episcopal church as a member of the altar guild and stewardship committee, and she enjoys spending time with grandchildren Whit, 10, and Gracie, 7, who live in Charlottesville, Va.

Archer Randlette Parkerson and her husband, **Terry Parkerson, GB'70**, along with her sisters Pat Christopher and **Jackie Randlette Tucker, W'57**, and Jackie's husband, **Walter Tucker, B'53**, enjoyed a cruise to New England and Canada in September.

Cecelia Stiff Mahan and her husband, **Leland Mahan, L'64**, have a wonderful new daughter-in-law. Their son, **Eric Mahan, R'88**, was married in December 2009 in St. Petersburg, Russia. Cecelia and Leland visited my husband, **Jim Davis, L'64**, and me at our river home near Urbanna, Va., in July, which, coincidentally, happened to be the Mahans' 46th wedding anniversary. Having been in their wedding, I especially enjoyed being with them on their anniversary.

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CLASS OF '64

Linda Bradley Rae, W, retired in 2009 from a career in English education and gifted education. Last year she and her husband, Carl, enjoyed a cross-country trip that included a stop in Seattle to visit their daughter, Carol, who is an architect. Linda and Carl live in Emporia, Va., and have five grandchildren.

CLASS OF '65

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Carolyn Jackson Elmore** of Salisbury, Md., whose husband, **D. Page Elmore, R'62**, died in June. Page

served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 2003 until his death. In July Carolyn was sworn in to finish out his term.

Congratulations to new grandmothers **Leslie McNeal Barden**, whose grandson, Luther Augustus Barden, arrived in August, and **Jo Ellen Ripley Moore**, who welcomed Katherine Marie Moore in July.

Jackie Branch Rocca enjoyed a visit from **Marionette Parker Jones** and **Wren Dawson Olivier** in July. They try to get together every two or three years and have fun catching up on each other's lives.

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Glenn Miller, R, retired from Bangor Theological Seminary in June. He continues his research into the history of theological education.

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Nancy Keeter Fowler has a grandson, Caleb Michael Chrzan, who was born June 30. Nancy's daughter, her husband, and the baby are all doing well, and the new grandparents are still beaming.

Caywood Garrett Hendricks' daughter, Ginger, was married in Portland, Maine, on Aug. 9. Eleven family members and friends attended the destination wedding, which was followed two weeks later by a party in Greensboro, N.C., for the couple's friends.

Please keep those cards, letters, emails, and calls coming. Networking through our Westhampton connections is fun and smart!

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CLASS OF '67

William L. King, R, retired in August after more than 20 years in state government and 21 years with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. He lives in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF '70

Becky Maulk Winders and **Jim Winders, R'71**, are grandparents to Audrey Margarete Winders, who was born July 13 to son Ben and his wife, **Erika Schmierer Winders, '01**.

Emily Davis Dale is enjoying her part-time job as a traveler for Armed Forces Reunions Inc. She is in her 10th year singing with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus in Norfolk, where she and Max stay busy. Their son was married in September.

Linda Weinstein Andrews attended the wedding of her nephew, Nathan Weinstein, to **Leigh Anne Collier, '04**, in April at the University chapel. Since her retirement from teaching in 2002, Linda enjoys collecting glassware, attending auctions, gardening, and singing in the church choir.

Susan Thornhill Morris and **George Morris, B**, have a new granddaughter, Elizabeth Beatrice Morris, born June 23, 2010, to son Todd and his wife, Brianne. Susan is enjoying retirement and anticipates much time spent with their growing family.

Bobbie Cahoon Somerville and Jim went to Greece and Turkey in June with friends. They spent several days in Athens, cruised on a small ship around the islands, and went to Istanbul. Bobbie still loves her job at Hilton Head Preparatory School. In October 2009, she and Jim welcomed a new granddaughter.

Linda McCubbin Warren and Art enjoyed a cruise to Italy and Greece in September. I get to see Linda every year at the July 4th parade in Brandermill. She and Art, who is a Chesterfield County supervisor, ride in one of the parade cars. I always yell at Linda because everyone else is waving at Art!

Joyce Lee Burgess took a class last summer to renew her teaching certificate and thoroughly enjoyed learning Spanish. Although she went back to teaching part time this fall, Joyce loves being semi-retired. She has five grandchildren.

Dee Harrell Roberts, B'71, and **Harvey Willis Roberts III, B'67**,

traveled to Spain and Portugal with their son Michael, who lives in Dubai. While in Madrid, they saw the finals of the Madrid Tennis Open with Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

Lynda "Zym" Zimmerman Wiseman spent most of her summer "commuting" between the coasts. She and Dick had a wonderful two-week drive around Ireland in June. In her spare time, she is working on a project with Historic Bethlehem (Pa.), which has helped her become better acquainted with her new surroundings in the Lehigh Valley.

Judy Baughan Lankford and **Nelson Lankford, R.** enjoyed seeing many of their classmates at the 40-year reunion. Nelson is vice president of programs at the Virginia Historical Society (VHS), where he is in charge of publications and lectures, exhibitions, school educational programs, and the public reading room where visitors access manuscripts and publications from the collection. In November 2009, the couple took a VHS trip to South America, beginning in Santiago. During the trip, Nelson gave short daily lectures on the history of each area. Judy's consulting practice is flourishing.

Mary Winder Pearson is enjoying retirement thoroughly. Her husband, Charles, is also retired, but Mary is so busy that she manages to stay out of his way. She is doing much work for no pay, which, she says, is more rewarding than working for pay. She is going into her fourth year as a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Monmouth County, N.J. She has a great relationship with her 11-year-old "little sister." Mary is on the board of the Middletown Arts Center and heads up the fundraising committee. She also walks dogs weekly as a volunteer at the Monmouth County SPCA. She and **Dale Allen** had a nice visit in September and went on day trips to New York City; New Hope, Pa.; and Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J.

Susan Breed Beach's daughter, Leslie, married Capt. Michael Edward Plucinski, a Marine Harrier pilot, on May 17, 2008. After serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Edward returned in time for Thanksgiving 2009. The couple lives in Yuma, Ariz., with their son, Michael Howard.

Milne Kintner spent July and August with her family, including two young grandchildren, and friends

in Minnesota. She was one of "The Three Fates" in a performance piece at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis before returning to Provence, France, in September. She is still holding out hope that we will all come over there for a reunion.

Kathleen "Kitty" Taimi McCall returned from Oregon where the Taimi side of her family had a big reunion. They celebrated their Finnish heritage with pictures of relatives back in the old country, a family history put together by her brother, and T-shirts in the colors of the Finnish flag that said, "Taimi in America, 1914-2010." Kitty's son, Tommy, started high school this fall and her husband works at Booz Allen Hamilton, a consulting firm.

Cynthia Norris Vogel and John are new grandparents. Matthew James was born to their daughter, Alexandra, on Aug. 17. Alexandra and her husband, Mike, live in Richmond, so Cynthia and John anticipate much grandparent time.

On a very sad note, we were shocked and saddened by the loss of our dear classmate, **Penni Chappell Westbrook**. I hope that many of you were able to attend the celebration of her life held on campus in October. It was a fitting tribute to one of our most loyal classmates. Her loss reminds us all of how precious and fragile our time here is. May you take every opportunity to tell those around you how you feel about them and make the most of every day. As I say each time—and I mean it even more this time—carpe diem.

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CLASS OF '71

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J. Ronald Smith, R. G'74 and G'94, was a featured author at the 2010 Virginia Highlands Festival's Creative Writing Day. The annual festival is held in July in Abingdon, Va. Ron lives in Richmond, where he is writer-in-residence at St. Christopher's School.

CLASS OF '72

Faye Patteson Green and **Vivian Stephenson Clingenpeel** send their regards to all of our classmates. Faye's daughter, Kirsten, her husband, Jason, and their two daughters planned to move to Richmond. They had been in Boston, Portland, and San Diego, so Faye plans to see them more often. After the very hot summer, Vivian looked forward to "the energy of fall." I hope many of you had a chance to see the Spiders play at home in their new football stadium this fall.

Nancy MacCaffray Church had a wonderful summer spending time in Asheville, N.C., and New York City. She found New York to be particularly exciting since she had only visited there on business and had never been a tourist. She went to see the play *Promises, Promises*, which she says was the best show she has ever seen.

Rachel Pierce Newell had lunch with **Nancy Clevinger Carpenter, W and L'80, Marilib Henry Tomb, and Donna Renfro Williamson** over the summer. A couple from Switzerland that Rachel and Wayne met spent a week with them. Rachel says they were "accidental tourists" who became fast friends after meeting last summer on a bike trail between Canterbury and Whitstable, England. Nancy's daughter, Kristin, completed her bachelor's degree in nursing in 2009 and is a neonatal intensive care nurse at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

Judy Johnson Mawyer's husband, Jim, has been retired since June. They have decided to downsize and move closer to town near their kids. They are finding that after living in a house for 21 years, there are a lot of memories. Judy loves being a grandmother to Jane, who turned one in September. Judy visited with **Tricia Mason Prillaman** and **MaryKay Reynolds Norfleet** this summer. Our sympathy goes to MaryKay, whose mother passed away this year. She recently moved her dad from Scottsville, Va., into Imperial Plaza in Richmond.

Gwen Fletcher Duncan is doing fine after hip replacement surgery on June 1, but her husband, **Greg Duncan, R'75**, lost his father five days later. All in all, though, she says she and Greg are doing well.

Alexandra Hamlet Prevost and David live in St. Michaels, Md., on the bay. She still leads the

Washington, D.C., office of Allen Austin Global Executive Search. Alexandra's mother passed away in August. On a happier note, her step-daughter, Jessica, was married in July, with the reception at the Officers Club at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington. Alexandra said it was a lovely wedding despite the 104-degree weather. Alexandra and David have two grandchildren from daughter Andrea in Kansas City. Their son, J.D., is finishing up at the University of West Florida.

Like our classmates mentioned above, I also lost my mother in May. This seems like a sad fact of life that many of us are sharing at this time.

This summer, my husband, **Al Mollen, R'69**, and I fought the heat and the squirrels for our garden tomatoes and, miracle of miracles, we won! The tomatoes were great. Chesterfield-grown tomatoes are just as good as Hanover-grown tomatoes!

If you are reading this and wonder why you are not getting the class notes reminder email that I send out quarterly, it's because I don't have your email address (or it was kicked back as undeliverable). Please let me hear from you anytime. Stay well and in touch!

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Sterling Proffitt, R. completed a second four-year term on the Virginia Board of Corrections in June. He was recognized by the Virginia Department of Corrections for his service, including four years as board chairman. He lives in Keswick, Va.

CLASS OF '73

Gayle Goodson Butler and Scott are the proud grandparents of Jack Taddei, who was born in August to daughter Sarah and her husband, Joel. Jack and his parents are living with Gayle and Scott while transitioning to a new home, so Gayle is getting lots of baby time. I forgot to mention in my last letter that Gayle and Scott visited Richmond in the spring, and Gayle spoke at the dedication of the new Westhampton Center (the renovated and expanded Deanery).

Stephanie Roberts Long has a new granddaughter, Eve Samara, born in June in Arizona. Eve has a full head of



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hair like her brother, Roman. Stephanie will be halfway through her graduate program after this semester and hopes to start researching her thesis.

Linda Wilkins Muirhead and George have purchased a 23-acre ranch with a small pond and three rental units about 25 minutes west of their home in Colorado. Linda says it is a "fixer-upper" and George is the man with the vision. They hope to grow hay and perhaps lease out part of the acreage for raising cattle. Their son, Paul, is in India for a five-month mission trip with a pastor they know who runs an orphanage there.

Sally Voris owns a biodynamic farm in Taneytown, Md. She says she is growing the best food she can and enjoying life. Sally's son, Alex, was with her for the summer, and her friend, Janet, lives on the farm and helps run it.

Cabell Willis, the son of **Susan Parrish Willis, W and G'77**, was featured in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* as the All-Metro Boys Track Athlete of the Year. He is a freshman at VMI.

Nancy "Kelly" Hardy and **Sharon Foster Burdick** enjoyed a fun weekend at Sharon's river home in Whitestone, Va. Sharon's husband, "Captain Rick," took them on a cocktail cruise. Rick and Jack, Kelly's husband, played golf while Kelly and Sharon shopped and kayaked. Sharon and Rick also enjoyed a visit from **Betty Rodman Harris** and Scott.

Peggy Peters Stalnaker is president of the library board in Lancaster County, Va.

Donna Strother Deekens was awaiting the November publication of her new book, *The Story of Santaland: A Miller and Rhoads Christmas*. The hardcover 32-page book is written for ages four to eight but, Donna says, it is really for "children of all ages." To complement the book, she is partnering with James River Cellars Winery in Glen Allen, Va., for two wines they are launching: Snow Queen White and Real Santa Red. Donna's son, Brent, designed the original art for the labels on both wines. Donna and her husband looked forward to a fall trip to Paris, where they planned to stay in an apartment in the Marais district.

Jeanie Nicholson Veith enjoyed the spring and summer in Germany with a few quick trips here and there for work or personal time. She took groups to Greece (before the riots) and to Ars, France. Her personal trips were

to Paris, Berlin, Luxembourg City, and the English countryside of South Essex. She and Jon looked forward to a fall vacation in Antalya, Turkey, and to a western Mediterranean cruise for her birthday.

Meg Graham Kemper's son, Will, graduated in May from Duke and was the student speaker for the engineering students for whom he had been class president. He spent the summer in India. Meg's daughter, Susan, was in Mexico finishing her master's degree at Vanderbilt with a study abroad program. Susan lives in Nashville, where she has a job with Big Brothers Big Sisters working with middle- and high-school students. Meg and Michael had trips planned to the beach and Lake Tahoe and hoped to take a trip abroad in the fall.

Elizabeth Dillon Meador and Bill live in Roanoke, Va., where she works for an insurance firm and is involved in musical activities at her church. Bill teaches and "scouts" for the football team at William Byrd High School. Their daughter, Andrea Meador Smith, received her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia last year and is an assistant professor of Spanish at Shenandoah University. Their son, Richie, is a senior auditor at Virginia Commonwealth University and is working toward an M.B.A.

Sam and I went on a wonderful cruise to Bermuda with friends in June. We are now complete converts; cruising is a fabulous way to travel! We took our annual trek to Pawley's Island, S.C., last summer with our daughter, **Lee Kirby West, '00**, her husband, P.J., and their children, Hannah and Peyton. *Westhampton Class Secretary*
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CLASS OF '75

Heloise "Ginger" Berman Levit, G, won two first-place awards in the Virginia Press Women 2009 Communications Contest. Her award-winning articles focused on museum exhibitions and artists John Singer Sargent and Andrew Wyeth. She is also the author of "Frank Myers Boggs: An American in Paris," an article published in the July-August 2010 issue of *Fine Art Connoisseur*. She lives in Richmond.

William Sanders, R, was named director of technology for the arts in the Office of Information Technology at Virginia Tech. He lives in Blacksburg, Va.

CLASS OF '76

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Terry Heilman Sylvester, B, has joined the University of Richmond's Office of Advancement as a major gifts officer. She lives in Moraga, Calif., and will be based on the West Coast.

CLASS OF '78

Keith Dickson, G, is a professor of military studies in the Joint and Combined Warfighting School of the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. He was selected as a fellow in the 2010-11 class of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI, an educational program for senior military officers and other leaders in the national security policy community. He lives in Virginia Beach.

Daniel Keenan, R, earned a Ph.D. in education with a concentration in occupational and technical studies from Old Dominion University. He works for the U.S. Marines as an academics officer, and has started a nonprofit organization to encourage high school students to consider government service as a career. He lives in Sneads Ferry, N.C.

Michael Radford, G, is a diabetes care specialist with Novo Nordisk, a global healthcare firm. He and his wife, Maureen, live in Wilson, N.C.

CLASS OF '79

Bryan Barbin, R, is a state legislator in Pennsylvania. This summer he traveled by motorcycle to seven state capitals to present Pennsylvania House Resolution No. 856 to promote public understanding of the need to assist veterans suffering from combat-related brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder. The 1,800-mile motorcycle ride was a Wounded Vets Project designed to raise funds for a permanent memorial for injured Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. When Bryan visited Richmond

in July, University Chancellor Bruce Heilman escorted him by motorcycle from the Jepson Alumni Center to the Virginia State Capitol.

Lawrence Terry, R, and Linda Williamson Staples were married on June 12, 2010, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. **Rodney Hale, R'62**, a cousin of the groom, officiated. Larry is a principal broker with LET Properties in Richmond. Linda is a real estate broker and auctioneer with Tranzon Fox. She was recognized at the 2010 Virginia Auctioneers Association Convention as Auctioneer of the Year. The couple lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF '80

Congratulations to everyone in our class who made donations to the University in honor of our 30-year reunion. We raised a total of \$97,049! Thanks for a job well done to **Joe Kroger, B**, who chaired the 1980 Reunion Gift Committee.

S. Page Allen, W and L'83, chairs the Real Estate Section of the Richmond Bar Association this year. She has two teenage boys and is a sole practitioner in Chesterfield County. Page hosted an annual girls' weekend in January 2010 at her home in Matthews, Va., with most of the "South Court Seven"—**Cathy Walczak Walsh, B**, **Jennie Pretlow Barrett, B**, **Ann Jewell**, **Suzanne Stegner Milchling**, and **Leslie DoLine Garber**. **Barbara Selby Wells** lives in the Fort Myers, Fla., area and is director of alumni relations at Edison State College, a school with four campuses and nearly 20,000 students. Barbie says it still has a small school feel and that everyone is very friendly despite the heat and humidity.

Ceci Conrad Anderson and her husband, **Bob Anderson, B**, have become grandparents and downsized to a new home in Cummings, Ga. Bob works for Trimont Real Estate in Buckhead, Ga., and Ceci is a real estate agent in the Atlanta area. Their daughter, Lauren, and her husband live in Chicago. Daughter Kristin, her husband, Corey, and their baby, Aubrey Marie, live in Charleston, S.C., where Corey has joined the Navy and works in nuclear engineering.

Mary Plonk Lucas and her husband, **Rick Lucas, R'79**, live in Roanoke, Va., where Mary teaches preschool and Rick has his own law firm. They have four children: **Ben**

Lucas, '08; Beth, who graduated last year from James Madison University; and twins John, a freshman at Duke, and Scott, a freshman at the University of Virginia.

Please send in your news so your classmates can keep in touch and up to date. Use the address or email below or find me, Elizabeth Holt Jefferson, on Facebook.

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Sally Brower Syrquin, W, was named one of the top 25 real estate agents among Long & Foster's 880 agents in central Virginia. She lives in Richmond.

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CLASS OF '82

Lynn Wexler, W, and Elizabeth Crane were married on April 10, 2010, in Washington. They live in Silver Spring, Md. Lynn has opened Muddy Paws Photography, a pet photography business, and Liz works for Natural Resources Conservation Corp.

CLASS OF '83

Clay Hamner, R, is president and owner of Lythos Studios, a branding company based in Richmond.

CLASS OF '84

John Schulz, R, retired from the Army after 26 years of active duty. He completed multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, participated in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, provided counter-drug support along the U.S. border, and gave military support to the Department of Homeland Security. His final duty position was with U.S. Forces Command in Atlanta. John's retirement ceremony was attended by **Luke Borda, R,** and **Bruce Werner, R.**



Lead dog philosophy

Dan Mannix, R'89

"If you are not the lead dog, the scenery never changes." That T-shirt slogan inspired Dan Mannix to start LeadDog Marketing Group, an award-winning agency in New York with 85 employees and some impressive clients.

Mannix has enjoyed many scenery changes during his 20 years in marketing, and it all started in a UR classroom. "I took a class in sports entrepreneurship taught by the late Dr. Norris Eastman," Mannix recalls. "He was an amazing guy. When I think of teachers who had the biggest influence on me, he was probably the one."

That one class produced three high-profile sports marketing Spiders, including James Pfeifer, R'89, vice president of marketing for the Atlanta Hawks and Thrashers, and Pat Courtney, R'89, senior vice president of public relations for Major League Baseball.

Mannix started his sports marketing career at the Houston Astrodome and quickly moved to the NBA, where he was instrumental in the formation of the WNBA. After taking a year off to go backpacking, he helped produce baseball's All-Star Game in 1999. It was the first paying job for LeadDog Marketing Group, and it started a long relationship with Major League Baseball, which soon would be joined by clients such as NASCAR, HBO, ABC-TV, and the NHL.

Today the company continues to follow the lead dog philosophy. It's a lesson Mannix imparts to his youngest recruits, including many interns from Richmond over the years. "I always tell our interns to be the one who says, 'I can do it.' No matter how busy you are, be the one who says 'Yeah, I can help.'"

In addition to the company's can-do attitude, Mannix attributes much of LeadDog's success to its talented people. "I'm a big believer in the Jim Collins philosophy," he says. "If you have the right people on the bus, you can do anything."

—John Kelly, R'85

CLASS OF '85

Blake Woloson, R, has opened a law practice in Woodbridge, Va., where he focuses on criminal defense and litigation. He is an avid motorcyclist who sometimes rides his motorcycle to court.

CLASS OF '86

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Matthew Fine, R, has produced a feature film called *Cherry*. The film was written and directed by his brother, Jeff, and is loosely based on Jeff's freshman year at Brown University. Matthew lives in Norfolk, Va.

Michael Simpson, B, graduated from the Army War College in June and is serving in the Army's Office of the Inspector General. He lives in Clifton, Va.

CLASS OF '88

Brenda Barnes, W and G'90, is the author of two books, *Dissing Xmas* and *Esther Has a Living Will and Other Fairy Tales for Adult Children*. She is an attorney in New York.

Douglas Wallace, R, is founder and executive vice president of My EMR Choice, a health care technology firm based in Fort Washington, Pa.

CLASS OF '91

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Alicia Curry, W, and her husband, Lance McQuade, had a daughter, Peyton Ann, on Jan. 28, 2010. She joins sister Shannon Elizabeth, 6, and brother Conor Lawrence, 2. The family lives in Centerport, N.Y.

Carrie Hallberg O'Malley, B'91, GB'96, and L'96, is a real estate partner in the law firm of Hirschler Fleischer in Richmond. In November, she helped organize a fundraising event for the Legal Information Network for Cancer, a nonprofit that



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provides legal referrals and other non-medical assistance to cancer patients and their families.

CLASS OF '92

Andrew Surwilo, R, is CEO and co-founder of Atlantic Coast Media Group in Jersey City, N.J. In June he was named a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in New Jersey.

CLASS OF '93

Kimberly Carey Williams is a senior associate counsel in the Office of House Employment Counsel at the U.S. House of Representatives. She and her husband, Greg, live in Waldorf, Md., with daughter Maya, 2.

CLASS OF '94

Stephanie Nolan Deviney is an attorney with the law firm of Fox Rothschild in Exton, Pa. In May she was elected to a three-year term on the Penn State University Board of Trustees. Stephanie and her husband, James, live in Glenmoore, Pa., with son Seamus, 6.

Tracy Taylor Hague and her husband, Travis, had a daughter, Allison Taylor, on June 6, 2010. She joins sister Emily, 3. The family lives in Chesterfield, Va.

Kevin Jones is a choreographer, dancer, and graphic designer for Latin Ballet of Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree in dance and choreography from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2008.

Steve Kazanjian and his wife, Jen, had a daughter, Eleanor Therese, on Feb. 4, 2010. She joins sister Monica, 2. They live in Avalon, N.J., where Steve is pastoral counselor for Holy Redeemer Home Care and Hospice.

Amy Terdiman Lovett and her husband, Ken, had a daughter, Emmerly Rose, on May 25, 2010. She joins sister Zoe, 3. The family lives in Troy, N.Y., where Amy is editor of Williams College's alumni magazine and Ken is Albany bureau chief for the *New York Daily News*.

Amy Kahler Stuart is a physical therapist and clinical manager for Sheltering Arms Spine and Sport Center in Richmond. She and her husband, Bill, have two sons, Colin, 8, and Keane, 1.

Meredith Sanderlin Thrower, E'03, and **Alex Thrower, R'90**, had a son, George Sanderlin, on April 28, 2010. He joins brother John, 2. The family lives in Richmond.

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Libbie Shawger Feldner and **Randall Feldner, '95**, had a daughter, Merritt Elizabeth, on Dec. 31, 2009. She joins sister Madeline, 5. The family lives in McLean, Va.

Sharon Connin Kiefer and her husband, Jason, had a daughter, Allison Michelle, on May 20, 2010.

Did you know?

The football team opened the new E. Claiborne Robins Stadium with a dramatic overtime win against Elon. Read more about the game and the stadium on page 10.

They live in Annandale, N.J., where Sharon is a senior forecast analyst at Johnson & Johnson, and Jason is a stay-at-home dad.

Diana Cichewicz McKinney and her husband, Donny, had a son, Alexander James, on Sept. 23, 2009. They live in Midlothian, Va.

Nicholas Pace, GB and L, was elected executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Amerigroup Corp. He lives in Richmond.

Mary Beth Laing Romani and her husband, Chris, are co-founders of Integrity Management Consulting in McLean, Va. The firm, which provides consulting services to the federal government, was ranked No. 83 among the 500 fastest-growing companies by *Inc.* magazine and was also named Contractor of the Year by the Small and Emerging Contractors Advisory Forum.

CLASS OF '97

Tara Hamilton Bennett and her husband, Phil, had a son, Henry Alexander, on Feb. 9, 2010. He joins sister Lauren Elizabeth, 4. Henry's grandparents are **Sarah Clanton Croxton, W'69**, **James Raines Croxton, R'68**, and **John Edward Hamilton Jr., B'67**. The family lives in Richmond.

Katherine Clements Cohorst is a senior writer/editor for the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame. She lives in Mishawaka, Ind., with daughter Maggie, 1.

Terri Meadows Holland and her husband, Tom, had a daughter, Alexis Deborah, on Feb. 16, 2010. She joins brother Jacob, 2. The family lives in Beaverton, Ore., where Terri is associate director of development at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Christine Wang Morris and **Todd Morris, '96**, live in San Francisco with sons Jason, 3, and Trevor, 1.

Siri Terjesen and her husband, Per Amundson, had a son, Tor, on July 16, 2010. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

Clifford Yee is chief of staff for Mid-Atlantic Branch Distribution at Capital One Bank. In July he joined the Omicron Delta Kappa Society's Board of Directors as national treasurer. He serves on the board with Steve Bisese, vice president of student development at the University of Richmond. Clifford lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF '98

Pamela Clark Kahuda and her husband is **Kyle Kahuda, '99**, had a son, Kaden Porter Kahuda, on Aug. 21, 2009. He joins sister, Maura Avery, 4. The family lives in Chatham, Va., where Kyle is the dean of students at Chatham Hall.

Karen Smith-Will, C, is president

and founder of Valutivity, a consulting firm focused on the education sector and faith-based organizations. She is pursuing a master's degree in leadership at Lubbock Christian University and lives in Mechanicsville, Va.

CLASS OF '99

Jennifer Williams Johnson and her husband, Mikael, had a son, Robert Maxwell, on Oct. 24, 2009. The family lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Andrew Kerr and **Elizabeth**

Johnsen Kerr had a son, Jason Andrew, on June 22, 2010. He joins brother James, 2. The family lives in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF '00

Courtney Morgan Stevenson and her husband, Colin, had a son, Declan Colin Christopher, on May 20, 2010. The family lives in Midlothian, Va.

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Kathleen Mooney Minister and **Ben Minister, '00**, had a son, Lawrence Michael, on June 7, 2010. He joins brothers George, 4, and Charlie, 3. The family lives in Columbus, Ohio, where Ben works for Cardinal Health and Katie owns a photography business.

CLASS OF '02

Kelly Gribbin and Patrick Gleason were married on Aug. 7, 2010, in Chicago. Kelly recently earned a degree from the DePaul University College of Law. The couple has relocated to Durham, N.C., where Kelly works for the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and Patrick is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Daniel Kourtz and **McLain**

Nobel Kourtz had a daughter, Anne Garland, on May 9, 2010. The couple lives in Brookline, Mass.

Carl "Buddy" Omohundro, GB and L, is senior vice president and general counsel for Apex Systems in Richmond. He was selected to attend

Harvard Law School's Leadership in Corporate Counsel executive education program.

Erin Torrey Ranney, L'05, has opened a law practice in Chester, Va., focused on criminal and traffic defense.

CLASS OF '03



Don't miss the Broadway debut of Chauntée Schuler, '03, in Disney's production of *The Lion King* on page 30.

Vladimir Daoud earned a medical degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine in May. He has started a general surgery residency at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

Heather Fox Epstein and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Jordyn Sydney, on May 21, 2010. The family lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Kathleen Williams and **Michael Levin** were married on Oct. 10, 2009, at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, W.Va. The wedding party included **Amanda Hawthorne Dwyer** and **Jeremiah Holly**. Kate and Michael live in Boston, where she is a third-year pediatrics resident at Children's Hospital Boston and he is a dentist in private practice.

CLASS OF '04

Stephanie Burliss and **Daniel Silver, '03**, were married on May 15, 2010, at The Granite Rose in Hampstead, N.H. The wedding party included **Jessica Daniel Bechir**, **Lindsey Stewart Glavin**, **Michael Glavin, '03**, **Lauren Kass**, and **Amanda Koch**. Stephanie and Danny live in New York, where she works for a human resources consulting firm and he is a teacher.

James Gigantino earned a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. He is an assistant professor of history at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Anna McRay, C, was appointed by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell to the Secure Commonwealth Panel. Anna lives in Richmond, where she is deputy coordinator of emergency management for the Division of Fire in Henrico County.

Jennifer White and **Kyle Swenson** were married on May 30, 2010, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The wedding party included **Susannah Berwager Walker**, **Katherine Mullins**, **Leisel Mundth Urbanski**, **Jane Coye, '07**, **Andrew Swenson, '06**, **Jeffrey Scott**, **Jonathan Romash**, **John "Jack" Urbanski**, **Kristian "K.C." Dietz**, **Michael Bender**, **Gary Welch**, and **Dustin Pinschmidt**. **Jeffrey Swenson, R'78**, and **Mary Kay McClintock Swenson, W'78**, are the parents of the groom. Jennifer and Kyle live in Richmond.

CLASS OF '05

Kenneth Kraper is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton in Somerville, Mass. He and a co-worker were awarded second prize in the firm's Ideas Festival for developing a strategic approach to achieving privacy protection in system and program design and operations.

Lauren Kunberger and **Anthony Massey** were married on June 5, 2010, in Philadelphia. The wedding party included **Nicole Foote**. Lauren and Anthony live in Philadelphia, where both work for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Gia Loffredo and **Ernesto Guerrero** were married on June 18, 2010, in Ecuador. The couple lives in Guayaquil, Ecuador, where Gia works for the U.S. Department of State.

Brittany Nilson earned a law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School. She also wrote "Yearning for Zion Ranch Raid: Lowering the Standard of Proof for the Termination of Parental Rights," which appeared last fall in the *Brooklyn Law Review*. She lives in New York.

Daniel Summers earned a master's degree in business administration from Wake Forest University. He is an assistant product manager at Church and Dwight Co. He and his wife, **Megan Myers Summers**, live in

Princeton, N.J., where she is pursuing a master's degree in educational administration at Rider University.

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Zachary DeAngelo earned a master's degree in business administration from Babson College, where he and a business partner won the 2010 Babson Business Plan Competition. Their company, Evolve Foods, plans to produce allergy-free and gluten-free food under the brand name of Cocomama Foods.

Michael Gray is a senior account executive with Hellerman Baretz Communications in Richmond.

Kyle Harder is co-founder of Aromago, a company that produces portable aromatherapy products. His business partners are **Dan Brunt, '09**, and **Chris Genualdi, '09**. The three classmates launched their company after winning the 2009 Business Pitch Competition at the Robins School of Business.

Mark McCommons and **Jennifer Montes** were married on May 14, 2010, in Bagota, N.J. The wedding party included **Matthew Peres**. The couple lives in New York.

Christopher Radford earned a master's degree in sports marketing from East Carolina University. He is an assistant athletic director at Ohio University.

Lindsay Shore and **Justin Hanson** were married on June 5, 2010, in Washington. The wedding party included **Margaret Olivier**. Lindsay is director of government affairs and policy at Kimbell and Associates in Washington.

Tamisha Williams and **Kevin Grayson, '10**, were married on June 19, 2010, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Tamisha recently earned a master's degree in family and marriage counseling from the College of William & Mary. The couple lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF '07

Carolyn Crandall and **Joshua Holman** were married on April 17, 2010, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The wedding party included

Alysson Crandall Lehman, '03, **Allison Herald**, **Laura Tailby**, **Abigail Dutcher Murray**, **Steve Nolan**, **Matthew Moralle**, **James Levey, '08**, **Jeffrey Baldwin, '06**, **Michael Mariani, '06**, and **Matthew Shiomichi**. The couple lives in Glen Allen, Va.

Kathleen deGategno earned a master's degree in energy and environmental policy from the University of Delaware. She is a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve and currently serves on active duty as the executive officer to the chief of staff at the headquarters of Intelligence and Security Command at Fort Belvoir. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Amanda Russell is a fitness model with Wilhelmina Models. She is currently featured in a billboard campaign for ZICO Coconut Water in New York, where she lives.

CLASS OF '08

Jeffrey Clowes earned a master's degree in international business from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business in Bergen, Norway. He is financial controller at Orkla Brands, a unit of Norway's largest consumer products company.

CLASS OF '09

Claire Gahm is pursuing a medical degree at the Medical School for International Health in Beer-Sheva, Israel.

CLASS OF '10

Blair Brandt is co-founder of The Next Step Realty. The firm, which focuses on helping recent college graduates find rentals in their first-job markets, is based in Palm Beach, Fla.

Brittany Johnston has joined Pioneers International, an evangelical mission movement that has teams in 92 countries. She is based in China.

Kendall Paine is a teacher with Inner-City Teaching Corps in Chicago.

Brian Radford is a technical recruiter for Aerotek, a staffing agency in Richmond.



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1928 / Juliet Ballard Hawks, W, of Churchland, Va., June 18, 2010. She was vice regent of the Fort Nelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of Churchland Baptist Church.

1936 / Stewart T. Walker, R, of Greensboro, N.C., Feb. 12, 2007. He was an insurance company executive.

1937 / William G. Bond, R, of Richmond, June 4, 2010. He was a minister to churches in Richmond, Baltimore, and Virginia Beach.

1938 / Elsie Mitchell "Curly" Sullivan, W, of Tucson, Ariz., May 10, 2010. She was an English teacher in Arlington, Va., and Tucson.

1939 / Alex E. Anderson Jr., R, of Bristol, Va., Sept. 1, 2010. He was a senior master agent of Equitable Life Assurance. He was mayor of Bristol, Va., and a member of the city council. He served in the Navy during World War II, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander.

1939 / John "Jack" R. Kennedy, R, of Edgewood, Ky., Aug. 16, 2010. He was a member of the Lamda Chi fraternity.

1940 / Alfred C. Aarons, R, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Feb. 26, 2010.

1940 / Parke P. Starke Jr., R, of Stafford, Va., June 29, 2010. He was a meteorologist with the National Weather Service and the Navy Reserve. He was a lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II.

1942 / Harriet Howe Byrider, W, of Greenville, S.C., formerly of Richmond, July 12, 2010. She was a physician's assistant and president of the Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond.

1942 / Stella Louise Hall Moser, W, of Richmond, Feb. 27, 2006. She was a branch manager for Virginia Credit Union and a member of Seventh Street Christian Church.

1942 / Robert E. Piper Jr., R, of Richmond, July 20, 2010. He taught physics at Richmond and was a flight instructor and chief pilot for Titmus Optical. He worked for Miller & Rhoads Department Store as a computer programmer, and he volunteered at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He sang in church choirs and in the Sing Out South multiracial group.

1942 / Helene Rose Weinfeld

Shapiro, W, of Richmond, July 20, 2010. She was a co-owner and operator of the Specialty Shop menswear business. She also was a member of the Sisterhood at Temple Beth Ahabah.

1942 / Joanne Barlow Williams, W, of Richmond, June 9, 2010. She was a past president of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia and of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. She was instrumental in the capital campaign to build the Museum of the Confederacy. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

1943 / Samuel D. McCammon Jr., R, of St. Petersburg, Fla., Aug. 19, 2009. As a Presbyterian minister, he served pastorates in West Virginia, Richmond, and Portsmouth, Va. He became general presbyter of Norfolk Presbytery, then Westminster Presbytery (Florida) and finally Hanover Presbytery (Virginia). He was a member of the Presbytery of the James.

1943 / Maxine Williams Rogers, W, of Richmond, June 22, 2010. She was librarian of the Westover Hills Library and a member of River Road Church Baptist.

1944 / Alvin D. Jacobs, R, of Virginia Beach, Va., formerly of Petersburg, July 9, 2010. He worked for Standard James and served in the Navy.

1944 / T. Randall Wrenn, R, of Baltimore, formerly of Columbia, Md., June 13, 2010. He was a research biologist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a founding member of both Paint Branch Unitarian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks.

1945 / Nancy Lazenby Stables, W, of Richmond, formerly of Culpeper, Va., and Mission, Texas, Aug. 25, 2010. She was a teacher and librarian. She was a reporter for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and for the *Killeen Daily Herald* in Killeen, Texas. She was a member of Culpeper United Methodist Church.

1946 / Thomas Stacy Lloyd Jr., R, of Fredericksburg, Va., July 13, 2010. He was a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology with the Pratt Medical Center and was frequently published in medical journals. He was active in several medical organizations and was a diplomat in the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He was a member of the Fredericksburg

City Council. He was a musician and composer, and he served in the Army during the Korean War.

1947 / Mary Jane "Majie" Wingfield Webster, W, of Sparta, N.J., July 9, 2010. She was a computer scientist at Picatinny Arsenal. She also was a docent at Waterloo Village and portrayed a chuck wagon cook at Wild West City.

1948 / Richard A. Chandler Sr., R, of Richmond, June 17, 2010. He was Richmond's chief tax assessor. In retirement he was a tax consultant and college instructor. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

1948 / Eugene L. Kastelberg Sr., R, of Richmond, Aug. 25, 2010. He was a youth baseball coach and a charter member of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

1948 / Reid M. Spencer, R and L51, of Norfolk, Va., June 13, 2010. He was a General District Court Judge. He worked in the offices of the Norfolk city attorney and commonwealth's attorney and in private practice. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1949 / Robert S. Downs Sr., R, of Murrells Inlet, S.C., Sept. 11, 2010. After serving in the Air Force during World War II, he worked his way through the Chevrolet Division of General Motors to become public relations manager of the Eastern region and a dealership owner.

1949 / John B. Richardson, R, of Roanoke, Va., July 25, 2010. He was general agent in Southwest Virginia for the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont. He also was a combat pilot in the Navy during World War II.

1950 / Doris Balderson Burbank, W and G'77, of Richmond, May 25, 2010. She served as president of Westhampton's Class of 1950 graduates. She taught fourth-graders at St. Christopher's School for 17 years, and later developed the Learning Resource Center at The Steward School. She also helped start several learning-disability centers in the Richmond area.

1950 / Ashby J. "Bud" Burton Jr., R, of Littleton, N.C., Aug. 26, 2010. He was an accountant and a master woodcarver. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Lake Gaston Baptist Church.

1950 / Albert L. "Zeke" Hobbs Jr., B, of Mechanicsville, Va., Aug.

1, 2010. He was an insurance industry accountant and a member of the Hanover County Planning Commission.

1950 / Acree S. Link Sr., R, of Newport News, Va., June 15, 2010. He was a dentist. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

1950 / Christine Coats Sanders, W, of Richmond, Aug. 9, 2010. She remained an active member of the University community throughout her life.

1951 / Charles Eugene Minter, B, of Roanoke, Va., May 26, 2010. He was first vice president of Tate Engineering and a colonel in the Air Force Reserves.

1952 / Bertha Cosby King, W, of Richmond, Sept. 4, 2010. She taught chemistry at Franklin (Va.) High School, St. Andrews High School in Charleston, S.C., and Collegiate School in Richmond. She also played violin with the Charleston Symphony.

1952 / Mary M. "Monty" Wiley Schutte, W, of Kingwood, Texas, June 22, 2010. She worked for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp. and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood.

1954 / Truett E. "True" Allen, R, of New York, May 9, 2010. He was a highly regarded banking and finance executive who became a senior vice president of Irving Trust and then a senior vice president and chief credit officer of Security Pacific Trust.

1954 / Sallie Ann Horner Black, W, of Cape Charles, Va., June 24, 2010. She assisted in the operation of Black Farms and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

1954 / Arthur N. O'Brien Jr., B, of Salina, Kan., Aug. 25, 2010. He was a comptroller of the currency for the U.S. Treasury. He graduated from flight school at the age of 13. He served in the Air Force and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

1955 / Albert C. Limbrick Jr., R, of New Market, Va., July 14, 2010. He worked for the Social Security Administration and served in the Air Force.

1956 / Aubrey L. Heath, B, of Henrico, Va., Aug. 18, 2010. He worked for Binswanger Glass and for the Ford Motor Co. He also served in the Air Force.

1956 / Gilbert E. Moran, R, of Sarasota, Fla., July 17, 2010. He

worked in sales management for Atlantic Richfield Oil. He also served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

1957 / Edward "Mac" McDowell Bishop, R, of Richmond, Sept. 5, 2010. He was a captain in the Army and an avid outdoorsman.

1957 / Hugh W. Owens, R, of Richmond, June 23, 2010. He was a real estate broker, mortgage banker, developer, builder, and property manager. He founded and chaired H.W. Owens and Square One Management. He also was a senior executive with the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships. He served in the Army and Army Reserve and was a member of Reveille United Methodist Church.

1958 / Kenneth Eugene Ayers, C, of Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 18, 2010. He earned a bachelor's of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and served as a pastor of several congregations. He also wrote about his Christian faith in *Flying in Clouds*.

1958 / Harry W. Garrett Jr., R and L'61, of Richmond, June 17, 2010. He served as the commonwealth's attorney for Bedford. He maintained a private law practice, served on the Virginia State Bar Council, and was recognized by the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in America. He also was a captain in the Army Reserve.

1958 / Henry D. Maxey Jr., B, of Richmond, May 12, 2006. He worked for Philip Morris and was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church.

1959 / Phyllis A. Ailsworth, W, of Virginia Beach, Va., July 22, 2010. She was a vice president of Merle Norman Cosmetics. She also taught school in California and Virginia.

1959 / Theodore E. "Teddy" Masters Jr., R, of Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 7, 2010. Named Richmond's Athlete of the Year in 1958, he held many track records at UR. He served in Richmond's alumni association and in the Elks Lodge, where he was a past exalted ruler.

1960 / James F. Thacker, R, of Moseley, Va., June 26, 2010. He co-founded and chaired Medical Management Sciences. He raced stock cars. He also served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

1961 / Betty Miller Morris, W, of Chesapeake, Va., May 8, 2010. She was a teacher and worked for the American Cancer Society. She taught life skills to women at the Goodwill Inner City Mission in Richmond.

1962 / Douglas Page Elmore, R, of Salisbury, Md., June 26, 2010. He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and the Republican chairman of the state's Eastern Shore delegation. He owned Hartman Trucking, Shore Freight Line, and Shore Disposal.

1962 / Miles W. Fletcher, B, of Stevens Point, Wis., July 5, 2010. He worked for Sentry Insurance and served in the Navy during World War II.

1962 / George T. Gray, R, of Murray, Ky., Aug. 4, 2010. Following service in World War II, he received a master's of divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and served as pastor of several congregations.

1963 / Nicholas Lansing Eubank Sr., B, of Richmond, Aug. 9, 2010. He was owner and president of Eubank Trucks and Pro Class Cycles. He previously owned Eubanks Leasing and American Machinery and Equipment Appraisal. He was past chairman of the Richmond Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers and three-time president of the Richmond Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers.

1965 / William V. Britton Jr., G, of Henrico, Va., July 31, 2010. He was an investment broker and publisher of an investment strategy magazine.

1965 / Daniel S. Marshall, G, of Arden, N.C., July 29, 2010. He was a math and psychology teacher and counselor at high schools in Virginia and North Carolina. He was business manager and treasurer at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He also was a member of the Episcopal Cathedral of All Souls.

1967 / Betty "B.J." Seymour, G, of Richmond, June 6, 2010. She was an ordained minister and director of religious activities at Westhampton College. Later, she was associate dean of students and co-director of the first women's studies program at Randolph-Macon College. She also was choral director at River Road Church Baptist.

1968 / Marvin E. Cheatham, C, of Richmond, Feb. 20, 2010. He was production control manager for Reynolds Metals.

1969 / Kenneth L. Sherman, C, of The Villages, Fla., June 3, 2010. He was a regional manager for SunTrust Bank. He also served in the Navy during the Korean War.

1970 / June Steman Allman, G, of Lewis Center, Ohio, May 28, 2010. She was a rehabilitation teacher for the Commonwealth of Virginia and a member of Worthington Presbyterian Church.

1970 / Penni Chappell Westbrook, W, of Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 17, 2010. She was a regular contributor to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. She sang with the Dallas Symphony and with choirs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

1972 / Kenneth Michael Kines, G, of Charlottesville, Va., May 17, 2010. He was director of administration for the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Virginia. He had been a vice president at Bank of America.

1972 / Katherine Anna Kirk, W, of Richmond, May 20, 2010. She worked for Virginia Power and had taught at Trinity Episcopal School. She was a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

1973 / Allison Kenneth Scribner III, R, of Richmond, June 8, 2010. He was a tax accountant.

1974 / Clarence E. Curtis Jr., C, of Chester, Va., May 19, 2010. He worked for Upton Lumber and had operated Curtis Lumber. He served on the Chesterfield County School Board for 17 years, seven as chairman.

1975 / William R. Blandford Jr., GB and L'78, of Powhatan, Va., July 13, 2010. He was an attorney and a founding member of the Powhatan County Bar Association. He was director of taxation and environmental affairs for the Virginia Manufacturers Association. He also served in the Marines during the Vietnam War and was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

1977 / Luther Theodore Lane, R, of Huntington, W.Va., May 14, 2010. He was a chaplain at Cabell Huntington Hospital and Mildred Bateman Hospital. He had been pastor of Unity churches in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Charleston, W.Va.

1978 / Frederick W. Donnelly Jr., R, of Hoover, Ala., July 16, 2010. He was president of PRISM Computer and Consulting and had worked for GE Information Services. He was a member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church.

1978 / Helen Eppes Jennings, G, of Richmond, June 17, 2010. She was a librarian at St. Christopher's School. She was a member of the Council of

the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

1980/ Elizabeth Carter Ferguson Tompkins, B, of Richmond, Sept. 12, 2010. She worked for Virginia's Department of Information Technology.

1981 / Brett W. Oakley, R, of Portsmouth, Va., May 10, 2010. He worked in rehabilitative medicine and was an instructor for the University of Phoenix.

1985 / Holly J. Evans, B, of Onley, Md., June 3, 2010. She was director of business development at George Miles & Buhr. Previously she had worked in marketing and sales for Peninsula Regional Medical Center, the Eastern Shore News, and Xerox. She was a member of Market Street United Methodist Church.

1992 / Gayle Huggins Marlowe, C, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., June 22, 2010. She was a vice president of Bowers, Nelms & Fonville when it was Richmond's largest real estate brokerage. She was president of the Richmond Tennis Patrons' Association, and she chaired Capital Hospice in Northern Virginia.

TRUSTEE

William Verner Daniel, of Richmond, died on July 4, 2010. He was a prominent banker and community leader who served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1980.

Daniel worked in top management for several banks in Virginia before joining Richmond-based Wheat First Securities as a managing director and a board member of its parent company, WFS Financial.

After serving on Richmond City Council from 1970 to 1972, Daniel moderated Richmond's "Dialogues on Racial Relations." And after receiving a heart transplant in 1998, he wrote a memoir titled "Young at Heart."

STAFF

Marion P. Leak, of Richmond, died on May 31. She served as a line attendant in the Heilman Dining Center from 1997 until May 18, 2010.



VANTAGE POINT

GETTING TO KNOW RICHMOND'S IMPRESSIVE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

By Mary Kelly Tate

I volunteered to teach a first-year seminar after Provost Steve Allred unveiled this curricular innovation to the law faculty last year. Spanning every imaginable subject, taught by professors from every discipline and school, first-year seminars are designed to rigorously and passionately focus on the important arts of writing, researching, speaking, and thinking. (See story on page 26.)

Before teaching a first-year seminar, I had no personal measure of the University's first-year students. I had only a hazy impression drawn from assumptions, anecdotes, casual sightings, and academic metrics. They were a mystery to me, even though the mystery was leavened by high regard and associational pride.

I normally teach in Richmond's School of Law, where I direct a post-conviction clinic that investigates and litigates claims of actual innocence. I hold an abundance of affection and respect for our law students. I believe I understand law students. I generally know their life stage, goals, habits, and cognitive styles. But this younger cohort, just beginning their lives at an outstanding liberal arts university, was not part of my academic habitat. I felt I was embarking upon an anthropological journey of cross-cultural immersion and direct observation to learn the traits of these students. Were they academic hunters or gatherers? Was their culture complex or straightforward?

Every Tuesday and Thursday, I met with my students and witnessed their quick minds and earnest natures, but my first real glimpse into their true identities came from their first writing assignment. The students

selected a work we had read—Plato's *Apology*, Paul Laurence Dunbar's "The Haunted Oak," Martin Luther King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," or Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*—and reflected on how the work changed or reinforced an important opinion they held.

I plunged head-long into their rough drafts and found personal stories—funny stories, sad stories, glorious stories. My polite, young students instantly became individuals with histories, challenges, tragedies, and triumphs. Reading these works, and

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red-lining them without an ounce of sentimentality, I knew my decision to teach a first-year seminar was among the best professional choices I had made in 20 years of practicing law and five years of teaching it.

I learned about a young woman who used Plato's conception of knowledge to confront the epistemological uncertainties of her future with an autoimmune disease. Another essay confided the sorrowful bifurcation of childhood experienced by a 6-year-old after the

death of her father and how such a loss mediated the young woman's response to *To Kill a Mockingbird*. One student confronted her father's unemployment during her last year of high school, an experience that helped her transcend the parochialism that can accompany affluence. The experience also helped her relate more fully to the economically strained characters in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

My first-year students are tough, funny, and brave. Their youth and vitality obscure the truth that they have confronted a host of losses, predicaments, and setbacks. While they are not fully mature academically or emotionally, they deserve great respect and admiration. Because my students communicated so vividly and honestly, I was able to see past the generational and academic lenses that had limited my view of Richmond's first-year students. I discovered that they are well-differentiated, complex people.

Our first-year seminars help students make sense of the events and circumstances of their young lives. We are facilitating that process of intellectual integration and other developmental leaps that will equip our students to realize their academic and human potential, situating them for lives of dynamic productivity and personal fulfillment. Joining them in the journey is a true privilege.

Mary Kelly Tate, a former public defender and law clerk to the Hon. Robert Merhige Jr., directs the Institute for Actual Innocence in Richmond's School of Law. This fall she taught a first-year seminar called "Wrongful Convictions in Modern America." Send comments about this column to krhodes@richmond.edu.

Staying Involved

Joy Winstead, W'55

Joy Winstead has always been involved with the University of Richmond. As a student, she was a leader of the Westhampton Class of 1955, a member of the student government, and co-editor of the University newspaper, *The Collegian*, which led her to a career in journalism.

As an alumna, she has served as president of the Boatwright Society and a member of her 50th Reunion Gift Committee, which raised funds to endow the Westhampton Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship in the Arts. She also served as 1989 chair of the Westhampton College Annual Fund.

As a donor, and once a scholarship recipient herself, Joy has created two gift annuities to help other students follow in her footsteps. The annuities ultimately will benefit both her class scholarship and the Boatwright Scholars program, which awards scholarships to descendants of University of Richmond alumni. The annuities also will provide her with a consistent stream of income for the rest of her life.

"A gift annuity supplements my retirement income, saves on taxes, and benefits the University that has given me so much," she says. "It is my turn to help a student, just as someone helped me during my time at Westhampton. I consider this the best decision I could make."

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